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MEETING AGENDA

March 14, 2022

9:30 A.M.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Acknowledgment of Secretary of State Directive 2022-28: Ballots and Candidates for May 3, 2022, Primary Election for All Offices

CANDIDATE AND PETITION SERVICES

2. Certification of the United States Congressional, Ohio General Assembly, and State Central Committee candidates for the May 3, 2022, Primary Election
3. Acknowledgment of the withdrawal of candidates from the May 3, 2022, Primary Election

HUMAN RESOURCES

4. Approval of the personnel agenda

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT¹

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion of personnel issues (to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official) and disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

Video of this meeting can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/CuyahogaCountyBOE>

¹ Please email mbejjani@cuyahogacounty.gov or lwalker@cuyahogacounty.gov with your name and the nature of your comment so we can fully assist you.

VOTE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

2022 Board Meeting Schedule

March 2022

Monday, March 14th @ 9:30AM

Certification of U.S. Congressional, Ohio General Assembly, and State Central Candidates for the May 3, 2022 Primary Election

April 2022

Wednesday, April 6th @ 9:30AM

April Board Meeting

Friday, April 29th @ 9:30AM

Meeting for the May 3, 2022 Primary Election

May 2022

Tuesday, May 3rd

May 3, 2022 Primary Election

Monday, May 16th @ 9:30AM

Provisional verification for the May 3, 2022 Primary Election

Certification of Issues for the August 2, 2022 Special Election

Tuesday, May 24th @ 9:30 AM

Certification of the May 3, 2022 Primary Election

June 2022

Monday, June 6th @ 9:30AM

Certification of remaining issues and charter amendments for the August 2, 2022 Special Election

Certification of Independent candidates for the November 8, 2022 General Election

July 2022

Wednesday, July 13th @ 9:30AM

July Board Meeting

August 2022

Tuesday, August 2nd

August 2, 2022 Special Election

Monday, August 15th @ 9:30AM

Provisional Verification for the August 2nd Special Election

Certification of the August 2, 2022 Special Election

Monday, August 22nd @ 9:30AM

Certification of Issues for the November 8, 2022 General Election

September 2022

Monday, September 12th @ 9:30AM

Certification of remaining issues and charter amendments for the November 8, 2022 General Election

Certification of Write-In Candidates for the November 8, 2022 General Election

October 2022

Wednesday, October 12th @ 9:30AM

October Board Meeting

November 2022

Friday, November 4th @ 9:30AM

Meeting for the November 8, 2022 General Election

Tuesday, November 8th

November 8th General Election

Monday, November 21st @ 9:30AM

Provisional verification for the November 8, 2022 General Election

Tuesday, November 29th @ 9:30AM

Certification of the November 8, 2022 General Election

December 2022

Wednesday, December 14th @ 9:30AM

December Board Meeting

Agenda Item

#1

DIRECTIVE 2022-28 - Ballots and Candidates for May 3, 2022 Primary Election for All Offices

RELEASED: March 9, 2022

SUMMARY

- *Directive 2022-28* provides the forms of the official ballots to be used in the May 3, 2022 Primary Election for **ALL** offices, along with the names of all statewide candidates to be printed on the ballots.
- *Directive 2022-25*, which was issued on Feb. 22, 2022, provided the official form of the ballot, but it did not include the offices of U.S. House, Ohio House and Senate, or State Central Committee, due to delays in redistricting.
- *Directive 2022-28 supersedes Directive 2022-25* and the forms of the ballot that were included. *Directive 2022-28* also clarifies the requirements regarding candidate withdrawals.

INSTRUCTIONS

The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections (CCBOE) must not print ballots until after the March 17, 2022 protest deadline for the offices of U.S. House, Ohio House and Senate, and State Central Committee. Boards may begin to program and proof ballots as soon as candidates are certified to appear on the ballot.

In lieu of issuing a separate Directive covering ballot layout and proofing, the Secretary of State (SOS) is directing the CCBOE to use *Directive 2022-28*, in conjunction with Chapter 5 of the Election Official Manual, to prepare and proof ballots for the May 3, 2022 Primary Election.

I. VERIFYING DISTRICT RELATIONSHIPS

Before programming any aspect of the central tabulating system for the May 3, 2022 Primary Election, the CCBOE must verify the accuracy of district relationships in the central tabulating system against its voter registration system.

II. OFFICIAL BALLOT FORMS

Each board of elections must provide a separate ballot for each political party listing candidates for nomination or election in a primary election. The ballot forms for this election are (*there are no minor party candidates on the May 3, 2022 Primary Election ballot*):

- Official Democratic Primary Ballot;
- Official Republican Primary Ballot; and
- Official Questions and Issues Ballot.

The names of all candidates who have not withdrawn (*see Section VI of this Directive for more details*) must be included on the ballot.

III. ORDER OF OFFICES FOR PRIMARY BALLOTS

A. The order of offices for **both** the Democratic and Republican ballots shall be as follows:

- Governor and Lieutenant Governor
- Attorney General
- Auditor of State
- Secretary of State

- Treasurer of State
- Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (Full term commencing 1-1-2023)
- Justice of the Supreme Court (Full term commencing 1-1-2023)
- Justice of the Supreme Court (Full term commencing 1-2-2023)
- United States Senator
- Representative to Congress
- Member of State Central Committee, Man
- Member of State Central Committee, Woman
- State Senator
- State Representative
- Judge of the Court of Appeals
- Judge of the Court of Common Pleas
- County Commissioner
- County Auditor
- Member of County Central Committee, if applicable

B. Blank Spaces for Write-In Votes

A write-in space must be provided on the ballot for every office for which the CCBOE received a valid declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate.

- **Write-In Candidates for Statewide Office:** No write-in candidates for statewide office filed for the May 3, 2022 Primary Election.
- **For State Central Committee:** The board may not accept declarations of intent to be a write-in candidate for state central committee. If no valid declarations of candidacy were filed for the positions, the office does not appear on the ballot
- **For County Central Committee:** The CCBOE may accept valid declarations of intent to be a write-in candidate and provide a write-in space on the ballot for county central committee, even if no declarations of candidacy were filed for the positions.

C. Full or Unexpired Term

For judicial offices, the designation of “Full Term Commencing,” followed by the appropriate date, must appear on the ballot. For an unexpired term, the designation “Unexpired Term Ending,” followed by the term ending date of the office, must appear on the ballot.

The judicial offices for that court should appear in chronological order by the date the terms commence, followed by unexpired terms in descending order based on the ending date of the term.

For all other offices, the designation of term is necessary only when there is an unexpired term to elect (e.g., if a candidate is running for an unexpired term for mayor) and where two or more full terms for the office are to appear on the ballot (e.g., municipal court judge), in which case the offices should appear in chronological order by the date the terms commence. If there is both full and unexpired term for the same office, place the full term first followed by the unexpired term.

IV. CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATE PETITIONS FOR U.S. HOUSE, OHIO SENATE, OHIO HOUSE, AND STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Candidates for U.S. House, Ohio House and Senate, and State Central Committee must be certified by the most-populous county board of elections of the district no later than **March 14, 2022**. The CCBOE cannot verify or certify candidate petitions until the reprogramming of its voter registration system is complete.

V. OFFICIAL QUESTIONS AND ISSUES BALLOT

Offices for which candidates may be nominated or elected are listed first on the ballot, followed by the questions and issues. The Official Questions and Issues Ballot must be used for all voting systems.

Questions and issues must be grouped together in the following political subdivision order for elections held in 2022:

- School and Other Districts
- County
- Municipal
- Township

The CCBOE may determine the specific order in which the questions/issues within each group are placed on the ballot in that county, however, a board should adopt a method for doing so (i.e., ordered alphabetically or by date filed, etc.).

VI. CANDIDATE WITHDRAWALS

Pursuant to Ohio law, when a person withdraws their candidacy after the 70th day before Election Day, a board of elections must not remove the name of the withdrawn candidate from the ballots. However, H.B. 93 authorizes the SOS to adjust certain deadlines pertaining to the May 3, 2022 Primary Election. *Directives 2022-26* and *2022-27* adjusted the certification and protest deadlines for U.S. House, Ohio House and Senate, and State Central Committee. This Directive adjusts the withdrawal deadline for those offices. If a candidate for any of those offices withdraws prior to the certification deadline of March 14, 2022, the candidate's name must not appear on the ballot.

If any of the aforementioned candidates withdraws on or after March 14, 2022, the CCBOE must post a notice at each polling place and enclose a notice with each absentee ballot that states a vote for the withdrawn candidate will be void and not counted. If the name is not removed from all ballots before Election Day, the votes for the withdrawn candidate are void and must not be counted.



DIRECTIVE 2022-28

March 9, 2022

To: All County Boards of Elections
Directors, Deputy Directors, and Members

Re: Ballots and Candidates for May 3, 2022 Primary Election for All Offices

SUMMARY

On February 22, 2022, the Secretary of State's Office issued [Directive 2022-25](#) to provide the form of the official ballot for the May 3, 2022; however, the offices of U.S. Representative to Congress ("U.S. House"), Ohio House, Ohio Senate, and State Central Committee were not included due to delays in redistricting. Since then, the Ohio Redistricting Commission adopted district maps for the Ohio House, Ohio Senate, and U.S. House.¹ This Directive provides the forms of the official ballots to be used in the May 3, 2022 Primary Election, together with the names of all statewide candidates to be printed on those ballots.² This Directive supersedes [Directive 2022-25](#) and the forms of the ballot that accompanied [Directive 2022-25](#). This Directive also clarifies the requirements regarding candidate withdrawals.

INSTRUCTIONS

Boards of elections must not print ballots until after the March 17, 2022 protest deadline for the offices of U.S. House, Ohio House, Ohio Senate, and State Central Committee. However, boards may begin to program and proof ballots as soon as candidates are certified to appear on the ballot. The most populous board of a district must immediately notify less populous counties if a protest is resolved against a candidate.

Please note that, in lieu of issuing a separate Directive with specific details covering ballot layout and proofing the Secretary of State's Office is issuing this Directive, which must be used in conjunction with [Chapter 5 of the Election Official Manual](#) when preparing ballots for this election. [Chapter 5 of the Election Official Manual](#) provides specific instructions on the following subjects:

- Ballot format;
- Voter instructions;
- Ballot stubs;
- Partisan primary elections;
- Candidate ballots (names, restrictions, political party, rotation, etc.);
- Questions and issues ballot;
- Ballot proofs;

¹ See Directives [2022-26](#) and [2022-27](#).

² [R.C. 3505.01](#).

- Bid requirements;
- Ballot quantities;
- Logic and accuracy testing; and
- Public test.

I. VERIFYING DISTRICT RELATIONSHIPS

Before programming any aspect of the central tabulating system for the May 3, 2022 Primary Election, boards of elections must verify the accuracy of district relationships in the central tabulating system against the county's voter registration system.³ This is to ensure that each voter receives the correct ballot style (i.e., the correct combination of candidate offices and issues) based upon that voter's residential address.

II. OFFICIAL BALLOT FORMS

Each board of elections is to provide a separate ballot for each political party listing candidates for nomination or election in a primary election.⁴ Accordingly, accompanying this Directive are the following ballot forms:

- Official Democratic Primary Ballot;
- Official Republican Primary Ballot; and
- Official Questions and Issues Ballot.

The names of all candidates, who have not withdrawn pursuant to [R.C. 3513.30](#) (see Section VI of this Directive), must be arranged, rotated, and printed upon the ballot in accordance with the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Chapters [3505](#), [3506](#), and [3513](#) and [Chapter 5 of the Election Official Manual](#).

III. ORDER OF OFFICES FOR PRIMARY BALLOTS⁵

A. The order of offices for **Democratic Party** ballots shall be as follows:

- Governor and Lieutenant Governor
- Attorney General
- Auditor of State
- Secretary of State
- Treasurer of State
- Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (Full term commencing 1-1-2023)
- Justice of the Supreme Court (Full term commencing 1-1-2023)
- Justice of the Supreme Court (Full term commencing 1-2-2023)
- United States Senator
- Representative to Congress
- Member of State Central Committee, Man

³ Boards must proof and verify the accuracy of all districts including but not limited to Congressional, Ohio House, Ohio Senate, and State Central Committee districts.

⁴ [R.C. 3513.13](#).

⁵ [R.C. 3513.13](#).

- Member of State Central Committee, Woman
- State Senator
- State Representative
- Judge of the Court of Appeals
- Judge of the Court of Common Pleas
- County Commissioner
- County Auditor
- Member of County Central Committee, if applicable

B. The order of offices for **Republican Party ballots shall be as follows:**

- Governor and Lieutenant Governor
- Attorney General
- Auditor of State
- Secretary of State
- Treasurer of State
- Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (Full term commencing 1-1-2023)
- Justice of the Supreme Court (Full term commencing 1-1-2023)
- Justice of the Supreme Court (Full term commencing 1-2-2023)
- United States Senator
- Representative to Congress
- Member of State Central Committee, Man
- Member of State Central Committee, Woman
- State Senator
- State Representative
- Judge of the Court of Appeals
- Judge of the Court of Common Pleas
- County Commissioner
- County Auditor
- Member of County Central Committee, if applicable

Candidates for statewide office appear on the sample ballot layouts provided with this Directive.

C. Blank Spaces for Write-In Votes⁶

A write-in space must be provided on the ballot for every office for which the board of elections received a valid declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate.⁷

- **Write-In Candidates for Statewide Office:**

No write-in candidates for statewide office filed for the May 3, 2022 Primary Election.

⁶ [R.C. 3513.041](#); [3513.14](#).

⁷ [R.C. 3513.14](#).

- **For State Central Committee:** The board may not accept declarations of intent to be a write-in candidate for state central committee.⁸ If no valid declarations of candidacy were filed for the positions, the office does not appear on the ballot.⁹
- **For County Central Committee:** The board may accept valid declarations of intent to be a write-in candidate and provide a write-in space on the ballot for county central committee, even if no declarations of candidacy were filed for the positions.

D. Full or Unexpired Term

For judicial offices, the designation of “Full Term Commencing,” followed by the appropriate date, must appear on the ballot. If for an unexpired term, the designation “Unexpired Term Ending,” followed by the term ending date of the office, must appear on the ballot.

The judicial offices for that court should appear in chronological order by the date the terms commence, followed by unexpired terms in descending order based on the ending date of the term.

For all other offices, the designation of term is necessary only when there is an unexpired term to elect (e.g., if a candidate is running for an unexpired term for mayor) and where two or more full terms for the office are to appear on the ballot (e.g., municipal court judge), in which case the offices should appear in chronological order by the date the terms commence. If there is both full and unexpired term for the same office, place the full term first followed by the unexpired term.

A 2-point rule must separate the title of the office from the names of the candidates for that office.¹⁰

IV. CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATE PETITIONS FOR U.S. HOUSE, OHIO SENATE, OHIO HOUSE, AND STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Candidates for U.S. House, Ohio House, Ohio Senate, and State Central Committee must be certified to the appropriate board(s) of elections by the most-populous county board of elections of the district **no later than March 14, 2022**.¹¹ Boards cannot verify or certify candidate petitions until the reprogramming of the voter registration system based on Directives [2022-26](#) and [2022-27](#) is complete. If a less-populous county board of elections of a district has not received a list of candidates from the most-populous county board of elections, the less-populous county board of elections must contact the most-populous county before programming ballots.

V. OFFICIAL QUESTIONS AND ISSUES BALLOT¹²

Offices for which candidates may be nominated or elected are presented on the ballot first, followed by the questions and issues. The Official Questions and Issues Ballot must be used for all voting systems. The ballot form also contains examples of some of the local questions and issues that may appear on the ballot in your county. Not every category or type of question/issue will appear on every ballot in every county, so please apply as much of the form as is appropriate to the ballots in your county.

⁸ See [1970 Ohio Atty.Gen.Ops. No. 70-011](#).

⁹ [R.C. 3513.14](#).

¹⁰ [R.C. 3505.08\(A\)](#).

¹¹ See [Directives 2022-26](#) and [2022-27](#).

¹² [R.C. 3505.06](#).

Additional instructions on headings, ballot language, and percentage of votes can be found in [Chapter 5 of the Election Official Manual](#).

Questions and issues must be grouped together in the following political subdivision order for elections held in 2022:

- School and Other Districts
- County
- Municipal
- Township

Each board of elections may determine the specific order in which the questions/issues within each group are placed on the ballot in that county, however, a board should adopt a method for doing so (i.e., ordered alphabetically or by date filed, etc.). Absentee ballots must contain identical ordering of issues within groups to regular ballots.

Please review the appropriate sections of the Ohio Revised Code, local charter (if applicable), and the [Questions and Issues Handbook](#) for ballot language and formats that are not on the attached Official Questions and Issues Ballot.

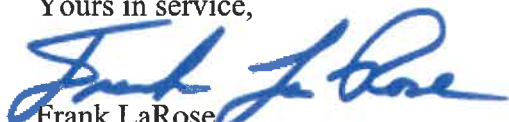
VI. CANDIDATE WITHDRAWALS

Pursuant to Ohio law, when a person withdraws their candidacy after the seventieth day before Election Day, a board of elections must not remove the name of the withdrawn candidate from the ballots.¹³ However, H.B. 93 authorizes the Secretary of State to adjust certain deadlines pertaining to the May 3, 2022 primary election.¹⁴ Directives [2022-26](#) and [2022-27](#) adjusted the certification and protest deadlines for U.S. House, Ohio House, Ohio Senate, and State Central Committee. This Directive adjusts the withdrawal deadline for those offices. If a candidate for any of those offices withdraws prior to the certification deadline of **March 14, 2022**, the candidate's name **must not** appear on the ballot.

If a candidate for U.S. House, Ohio House, Ohio Senate, or State Central Committee withdraws on or after **March 14, 2022**, the board of elections must post a notice at each polling place on Election Day, and enclose a notice with each absentee ballot that states that votes for the withdrawn candidate will be void and will not be counted. If the name is not removed from all ballots before Election Day, the votes for the withdrawn candidate are void and must not be counted.¹⁵

If you have any questions concerning this Directive, please contact the Secretary of State's elections counsel at (614) 728-8789.

Yours in service,



Frank LaRose
Ohio Secretary of State

¹³ [R.C. 3513.30\(E\)](#).

¹⁴ Section 4(G) of [H.B. 93](#).

¹⁵ [R.C. 3513.30\(E\)](#).

OFFICIAL QUESTIONS AND ISSUES BALLOT

| A County | B Primary Election | C May 3, 2022 |
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| <p>Instructions to Voter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To vote: completely darken the oval () to the left of your choice. • Do not mark the ballot for more choices than allowed. Vote either "Yes" or "No," or "For" or "Against," on any issue. • If you mark the ballot for more choices than permitted, that question will not be counted. • Before casting your ballot, if you make a mistake or want to change your vote: return your ballot to an election official and get a new ballot. You may ask for a new ballot up to two times. | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Proposed Tax Levy (Additional)</p> <p style="font-size: small;">(name of subdivision, district, college, library or board)</p> <p>A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.</p> </div> <p>An additional tax for the benefit of _____</p> <p style="font-size: small;">(name of subdivision submitting resolution or public library)</p> <p>for the purpose of _____ at a rate not exceeding _____ mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to _____</p> <p style="font-size: small;">(rate expressed in dollars and cents)</p> <p>for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for _____,</p> <p style="font-size: small;">(life of indebtedness, number of years levy to run, or a continuing period of time)</p> <p>commencing in _____, first _____,</p> <p style="font-size: small;">(first year tax to be levied)</p> <p>due in calendar year _____.</p> <p style="font-size: small;">(first calendar year tax due)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="radio"/> For the Tax Levy <input type="radio"/> Against the Tax Levy </p> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Proposed Tax Levy (Additional)</p> <p style="font-size: small;">(name of school district)</p> <p>A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.</p> </div> <p>Shall a levy be imposed by the _____</p> <p style="font-size: small;">(name of school district)</p> <p>for the purpose of _____ in _____</p> <p style="font-size: small;">(purpose shall be boldface type of at least twice the size of the type immediately surrounding it)</p> <p>the sum of _____</p> <p style="font-size: small;">(annual amount the levy is to produce)</p> <p>and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to average _____ mills for each one _____</p> <p style="font-size: small;">(number of mills)</p> <p>dollar of valuation, which amounts to _____</p> <p style="font-size: small;">(rate expressed in dollars and cents)</p> <p>for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of _____</p> <p style="font-size: small;">(life of indebtedness or number of years levy is to be imposed)</p> <p>years, commencing in _____,</p> <p style="font-size: small;">(first year tax to be levied)</p> <p>first due in calendar year _____?</p> <p style="font-size: small;">(first calendar year tax due)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="radio"/> For the Tax Levy <input type="radio"/> Against the Tax Levy </p> |
| | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)</p> <p style="font-size: small;">(name of subdivision, district, college, library or board)</p> <p>A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.</p> </div> <p>A renewal of a tax for the benefit of _____</p> <p style="font-size: small;">(name of subdivision submitting resolution or public library)</p> <p>for the purpose of _____</p> <p>at a rate not exceeding _____ mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to _____</p> <p style="font-size: small;">(rate expressed in dollars and cents)</p> <p>for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for _____,</p> <p style="font-size: small;">(life of indebtedness, number of years levy to run, or a continuing period of time)</p> <p>commencing in _____,</p> <p style="font-size: small;">(first year tax to be levied)</p> <p>first due in calendar year _____.</p> <p style="font-size: small;">(first calendar year tax due)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="radio"/> For the Tax Levy <input type="radio"/> Against the Tax Levy </p> | |
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This **SAMPLE** ballot provides the **CORRECT** ballot format for various questions and issues that may appear on your local ballot.

OFFICIAL QUESTIONS AND ISSUES BALLOT

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| County | Primary Election | May 3, 2022 |
| <p>Proposed Bond Issue</p> <p>(name of subdivision, district, college, library or board)</p> <p>A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.</p> <p>Shall bonds be issued by the</p> <p>(name of subdivision)</p> <p>for the purpose of</p> <p>(purpose of the bond issue shall be printed in boldface type)</p> <p>in the principle amount of</p> <p>(principle amount of the bond issue)</p> <p>to be repaid annually over a maximum period of</p> <p>(the maximum number of years over which the principle of the bonds may be paid)</p> <p>years, and an annual levy of property taxes be made outside the</p> <p>(as applicable, "ten-mill", or "... charter tax")</p> <p>limitation, estimated by the county auditor to average over the repayment period of the bond issue</p> <p>mills</p> <p>(number of mills)</p> <p>for each one dollar of tax valuation, which amounts to</p> <p>(rate expressed in dollars and cents)</p> <p>for each one hundred dollars of tax valuation, commencing in</p> <p>, first due</p> <p>(first year tax to be levied)</p> <p>in calendar year</p> <p>(first calendar year tax due)</p> <p>to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds, and to pay debt charges on any notes in anticipation of those bonds?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> For the bond issue</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Against the bond issue</p> | <p>Proposed Municipal Income Tax</p> <p>(name of subdivision)</p> <p>A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.</p> <p>Shall the Ordinance providing for a _____ per cent levy on income for _____</p> <p>(brief description of purpose of the levy)</p> <p>be passed?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> For the income tax</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Against the income tax</p> <p>Local Liquor Option (By Petition)</p> <p>A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.</p> <p>Shall the sale of _____</p> <p>(insert above one or more of the following three choices: "beer"; "wine and mixed beverages"; or "spirituous liquor")</p> <p>be permitted by _____</p> <p>[insert name (as submitted to Division of Liquor Control) of liquor permit holder or applicant, or liquor agency store, including, if applicable, trade or fictitious name under which applicant for, or holder of, liquor permit or liquor agency store either does, or intends to do, business at the particular location]</p> <p>a(n) _____</p> <p>(insert "an applicant for" or "a holder of" or "an operator of")</p> <p>a _____</p> <p>(insert name of the type of liquor permit or permits or, if appropriate, "liquor agency store for the State of Ohio")</p> <p>who is engaged in the business of _____</p> <p>(insert general nature of the business in which liquor permit holder or applicant is engaged, or will be engaged, at the particular location)</p> <p>at _____</p> <p>(insert address of the particular location within the precinct)</p> <p>in this precinct?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO</p> | <p>Local Liquor Option (By Petition)</p> <p>A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.</p> <p>Shall the sale of _____</p> <p>(insert above one or more of the following three choices: "beer"; "wine and mixed beverages"; or "spirituous liquor")</p> <p>be permitted for sale on Sunday between the hours of _____ by _____</p> <p>(insert one of the following: "ten a.m. and midnight" or "eleven a.m. and midnight")</p> <p>[insert name (as submitted to Division of Liquor Control) of liquor permit holder or applicant, or liquor agency store, including, if applicable, trade or fictitious name under which applicant for, or holder of, liquor permit or liquor agency store either does, or intends to do, business at the particular location]</p> <p>a(n) _____</p> <p>[insert all that applies: "an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit, holder of a D-6 liquor permit," or "liquor agency store," "an applicant for or holder of an A-1-A, A-2, A-2f, A-3a, C-1, C-2x, D-1, D-2x, D-3, D-3x, D-4, D-5, D-5b, D-5c, D-5e, D-5f, D-5g, D-5h, D-5i, D-5j, D-5k, D-5l, D-5m, D-5n, D-5o or D-7 liquor permit," (if only the approval of beer sales is sought), or "liquor agency store"]</p> <p>who is engaged in the business of _____</p> <p>(insert general nature of the business in which liquor permit holder or applicant is engaged, or will be engaged, at the particular location)</p> <p>at _____</p> <p>(insert address of the particular location within the precinct)</p> <p>in this precinct?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO</p> <p>Insert board member signatures</p> |
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This **SAMPLE** ballot provides the **CORRECT** ballot format for various questions and issues that may appear on your local ballot.

OFFICIAL DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT

| A | B | C | |
|---|---|---|--|
| County | Primary Election | May 3, 2022 | |
| Instructions to Voter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To vote: completely darken the oval (●) to the left of your choice. • Note the permitted number of choices directly below the title of each candidate office. Do not mark the ballot for more choices than allowed. • If you mark the ballot for more choices than permitted, that contest or question will not be counted. • To vote for a write-in candidate: completely darken the oval (●) to the left of the blank line and write in the candidate's name. Only votes cast for candidates who filed as write-in candidates can be counted. • Do not write in a candidate's name if that person's name already is printed on the ballot for that same contest. • Before casting your ballot, if you make a mistake or want to change your vote: return your ballot to an election official and get a new ballot. You may ask for a new ballot up to two times. | For Governor and Lieutenant Governor (To vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, darken the oval at the left of the joint candidates of your choice) | For Representative to Congress (_____ District) (Vote for not more than 1) | |
| | <input type="radio"/> John Cranley and Teresa Fedor <input type="radio"/> Nan Whaley and Cheryl L. Stephens | <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name | |
| | For Attorney General (Vote for not more than 1) | For Member of State Central Committee, Man (_____ District) (Vote for not more than 1) | |
| | <input type="radio"/> Jeffrey A. Crossman | <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name | |
| | For Auditor of State (Vote for not more than 1) | For Member of State Central Committee, Woman (_____ District) (Vote for not more than 1) | |
| | <input type="radio"/> Taylor Sappington | <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name | |
| | For Secretary of State (Vote for not more than 1) | <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name | |
| | <input type="radio"/> Chelsea Clark | For State Senator (_____ District) (Vote for not more than 1) | |
| | For Treasurer of State (Vote for not more than 1) | <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name | |
| | <input type="radio"/> Scott Schertzer | For State Representative (_____ District) (Vote for not more than 1) | |
| | For Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (Full term commencing 1-1-2023) (Vote for not more than 1) | <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name | |
| | <input type="radio"/> Jennifer Brunner | For Judge of the Court of Appeals (_____ District) (Full term commencing _____) (Vote for not more than 1) | |
| | For Justice of the Supreme Court (Full term commencing 1-1-2023) (Vote for not more than 1) | <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name | |
| | <input type="radio"/> Terri Jamison | For Judge of the Court of Common Pleas (Full term commencing _____) (Vote for not more than 1) | |
| | For Justice of the Supreme Court (Full term commencing 1-2-2023) (Vote for not more than 1) | <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name | |
| | <input type="radio"/> Marilyn Zayas | For U.S. Senator (Vote for not more than 1) | <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name |
| | <input type="radio"/> Morgan Harper <input type="radio"/> Traci TJ Johnson <input type="radio"/> Tim Ryan | | |
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| | 001 _____ TWP A | 0001:1 | 001 |

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 See Directive 2022-28 and Chapter 5 of the Election Official Manual.
 This sample replaces the sample provided with Directive 2022-25.

OFFICIAL DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT

| D | E | F |
|--|------------------|-------------|
| _____ County | Primary Election | May 3, 2022 |
| <div style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> For Judge of the Court of Common Pleas (_____ Division) (Full term commencing _____) (Vote for not more than 1) </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;"> <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;"> <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name </div> <div style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> For County Commissioner (Vote for not more than 1) </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;"> <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;"> <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name </div> <div style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> For County Auditor (Vote for not more than 1) </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;"> <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;"> <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name </div> <div style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> For Member of County Central Committee (Vote for not more than 1) </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;"> <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;"> <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name </div> <div style="text-align: center; padding: 20px;"> <p>If applicable insert: OFFICIAL QUESTIONS AND ISSUES BALLOT from this point forward</p> <p>Insert board member signatures</p> </div> | | |
| | | Page 2 of 2 |
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OFFICIAL REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT

| A | B | C | |
|---|--|---|-------------|
| County | Primary Election | May 3, 2022 | |
| Instructions to Voter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To vote: completely darken the oval (●) to the left of your choice. Note the permitted number of choices directly below the title of each candidate office. Do not mark the ballot for more choices than allowed. If you mark the ballot for more choices than permitted, that contest or question will not be counted. To vote for a write-in candidate: completely darken the oval (●) to the left of the blank line and write in the candidate's name. Only votes cast for candidates who filed as write-in candidates can be counted. Do not write in a candidate's name if that person's name already is printed on the ballot for that same contest. Before casting your ballot, if you make a mistake or want to change your vote: return your ballot to an election official and get a new ballot. You may ask for a new ballot up to two times. | For Governor and Lieutenant Governor (To vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, darken the oval at the left of the joint candidates of your choice) | For U.S. Senator (Vote for not more than 1) | |
| | <input type="radio"/> Joe Blystone and Jeremiah W. Workman <input type="radio"/> Mike DeWine and Jon Husted <input type="radio"/> Ron Hood and Candice Keller <input type="radio"/> Jim Renacci and Joe Knopp | <input type="radio"/> Matt Dolan <input type="radio"/> Mike Gibbons <input type="radio"/> Josh Mandel <input type="radio"/> Neil Patel <input type="radio"/> Mark Pukita <input type="radio"/> Jane Timken <input type="radio"/> JD Vance | |
| | For Attorney General (Vote for not more than 1) | For Representative to Congress (_____ District) (Vote for not more than 1) | |
| | <input type="radio"/> Dave Yost | <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name | |
| | For Auditor of State (Vote for not more than 1) | For Member of State Central Committee, Man (_____ District) (Vote for not more than 1) | |
| | <input type="radio"/> Keith Faber | <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name | |
| | For Secretary of State (Vote for not more than 1) | For Member of State Central Committee, Woman (_____ District) (Vote for not more than 1) | |
| | <input type="radio"/> John Adams <input type="radio"/> Frank LaRose | <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name | |
| | For Treasurer of State (Vote for not more than 1) | For State Senator (_____ District) (Vote for not more than 1) | |
| | <input type="radio"/> Robert Sprague | <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name | |
| | For Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (Full term commencing 1-1-2023) (Vote for not more than 1) | For State Representative (_____ District) (Vote for not more than 1) | |
| | <input type="radio"/> Sharon L. Kennedy | <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name | |
| | For Justice of the Supreme Court (Full term commencing 1-1-2023) (Vote for not more than 1) | For Judge of the Court of Appeals (_____ District) (Full term commencing _____) (Vote for not more than 1) | |
| | <input type="radio"/> Pat Fischer | <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name | |
| | For Justice of the Supreme Court (Full term commencing 1-2-2023) (Vote for not more than 1) | <input type="radio"/> Pat DeWine | |
| | <input type="radio"/> Pat DeWine | | |
| | | | Page 1 of 2 |
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OFFICIAL REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT

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| _____ County | Primary Election | May 3, 2022 |
| <div style="background-color: #f2f2f2; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> For Judge of the Court of Common Pleas (Full term commencing _____) (Vote for not more than 1) </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;"> <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;"> <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name </div> <div style="background-color: #f2f2f2; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> For Judge of the Court of Common Pleas (_____ Division) (Full term commencing _____) (Vote for not more than 1) </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;"> <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;"> <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name </div> <div style="background-color: #f2f2f2; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> For County Commissioner (Vote for not more than 1) </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;"> <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;"> <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name </div> <div style="background-color: #f2f2f2; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> For County Auditor (Vote for not more than 1) </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;"> <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;"> <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name </div> <div style="background-color: #f2f2f2; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> For Member of County Central Committee (Vote for not more than 1) </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;"> <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;"> <input type="radio"/> Print Candidate Name </div> <div style="text-align: center; padding: 20px;"> <p>If applicable insert: OFFICIAL QUESTIONS AND ISSUES BALLOT from this point forward</p> <p>Insert board member signatures</p> </div> | | |
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DIRECTIVE 2022-29 – Legislation Regarding Uniformed and Overseas Citizens' Absentee Ballots and Ballot Transmission Instructions

RELEASED: March 11, 2022

SUMMARY

- *Directive 2022-29* provides an overview of the temporary law in Substitute Senate Bill 11 (S.B. 11) that modifies procedures for uniformed services and overseas citizens' absentee (UOCAVA) voting in the 2022 Primary Election.
- Changes include an adjusted deadline to print and send UOCAVA ballots (no later than April 5, 2022); extends the time for UOCAVA ballots to be returned (by the 20th day after the election); and requires the Secretary of State (SOS) to take steps to expedite the delivery and return of UOCAVA ballots.

INSTRUCTIONS

The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections (CCBOE) must not print ballots until after the March 17, 2022 protest deadline for the offices of U.S. House, Ohio House and Senate, and State Central Committee. The CCBOE may begin to program and proof ballots as soon as candidates are certified to appear on the ballot.

I. TEMPORARY LAW REGARDING BALLOTS FOR UOCAVA VOTERS

S.B. 11 makes the following changes for the May 3, 2022 Primary Election:

- Requires UOCAVA ballots to be ready for use **no later than Tuesday, April 5, 2022** instead of March 18, 2022.
- Allows UOCAVA ballots to be counted if returned by mail and received by the 20th day after the election, unless the ID envelope is signed after the close of polls on Election Day.
- Extends the amount of time a person may mail a UOCAVA ballot for return from 12:01 a.m. at the place where the voter completes their ballot to any time prior to the close of polls on Election Day.
- Requires the SOS to take steps to expedite the delivery and return of UOCAVA voter's ballots.
- Permits the SOS to adjust the deadlines for the CCBOE to conduct its canvass of election returns to accommodate the delayed ballot return deadline.

The CCBOE *should* transmit UOCAVA ballots as soon as possible to voters who submitted an absentee ballot application if no protest is filed against a candidate for U.S. House, Ohio House and Senate, and State Central Committee, or the protests have been resolved.

II. INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXPEDITED MAILING OF UOCAVA BALLOTS

S.B. 11 requires expedited delivery and return of UOCAVA ballots. If a UOCAVA voter did not indicate a preference for delivery or indicated mail as their preferred delivery method, the CCBOE must contact the voter and offer expedited delivery via email or fax. The CCBOE may accept a voter's change in delivery preference by phone or email. If the UOCAVA voter still prefers to receive their ballot by mail, the CCBOE must follow the instructions below.

For expedited shipping through the United States Postal Service (USPS), the CCBOE must utilize an existing service (e.g., Pitney Bowes, Neopost, etc.) or create and/or utilize a Click-N-Ship account to create a mailing label with the appropriate postage type for that voter's return ballot. For expedited shipping through a private carrier (e.g., FedEx, DHL, UPS, etc.), the CCBOE must create an account on the carrier's website, if an account is not already established. The CCBOE must use the account to create

prepaid shipping labels for the expedited return of the ballot from the voter. The CCBOE must select the ***quickest and earliest version of shipping possible for ballot return.***

A. DELIVERY OF THE UOCAVA BALLOT

The CCBOE must use the UOCAVA absentee ballot instructions and print the instructions on standard letter-sized paper if mailing the absentee ballot to the UOCAVA voter. The CCBOE must also use the delivery and return envelopes specifically for UOCAVA voters. The SOS recommends printing the instructions in color to allow the contents to stand out.

Updated absentee ballot instructions, along with delivery and return envelopes, were included with this Directive. The CCBOE also must follow the instructions set forth in this Directive when mailing UOCAVA absentee ballots.

B. RETURN OF THE UOCAVA BALLOT

The CCBOE must follow the steps outlined in *Directive 2022-29* to enable an expedited return of UOCAVA ballots. There are specific directions to follow for **uniformed services voters, eligible spouses, and dependents**, as well as for **non-military overseas** voters.

C. STATE FUNDING FOR EXPEDITED MAILING OF UOCAVA BALLOTS

The CCBOE may use their grant allocation from Senate Bill 9 and the new appropriation of funds in S.B. 11 to pay the costs for expedited delivery and return of UOCAVA ballots. The SOS will soon issue additional guidance regarding the S.B. 11 funds.



DIRECTIVE 2022-29

March 11, 2022

To: All County Boards of Elections
Directors, Deputy Directors, and Members

Re: Legislation Regarding Uniformed and Overseas Citizens' Absentee Ballots and Ballot Transmission Instructions

SUMMARY

On March 10, 2022, the Ohio Senate concurred in House amendments to Substitute Senate Bill 11 ("S.B. 11") to modify procedures for uniformed services and overseas citizens' absentee ("UOCAVA") voting in the 2022 primary election. Governor DeWine signed the bill into law today. The temporary provisions related to the 2022 primary election adjust the state deadline to print and send UOCAVA ballots; extend the time for UOCAVA ballots to be returned; require the Secretary of State to take steps to expedite the delivery and return of UOCAVA ballots; and appropriate \$200,000 to implement the bill's requirements. This Directive provides an overview of the temporary law in S.B. 11 and instructions for issuing UOCAVA ballots.

INSTRUCTIONS

Boards of elections must not print ballots until after the March 17, 2022 protest deadline for the offices of U.S. House, Ohio House, Ohio Senate, and State Central Committee. However, boards may begin to program and proof ballots as soon as candidates are certified to appear on the ballot. The most populous board of elections of a district must immediately notify less populous county boards of elections as soon as a protest is resolved against a candidate.

I. TEMPORARY LAW REGARDING BALLOTS FOR UOCAVA VOTERS

S.B. 11 makes the following changes to the administration of the May 3, 2022 Primary Election:

- Requires UOCAVA ballots to be ready for use **no later than Tuesday, April 5, 2022** (the first day after the close of voter registration before the election), instead of March 18, 2022.¹
- Allows UOCAVA ballots to be counted if returned by mail and received at the office of the board of elections by the 20th day after the election, instead of the 10th day, unless the identification envelope is signed after the close of polls on Election Day.²

¹ S.B. 11, Section 5(A).

² S.B. 11, Section 5(B).

- Extends the amount of time a person may mail a UOCAVA ballot for return to their county board of elections from 12:01 a.m. at the place where the voter completes their ballot³ to any time prior to the close of polls on Election Day.⁴
- Requires the Secretary of State to take steps to expedite the delivery and return of uniformed services and overseas absent voter's ballots.⁵
- Permits the Secretary of State to adjust the deadlines for boards of elections to conduct the canvass of the election returns, to accommodate the delayed ballot return deadline.⁶

As stated above, S.B. 11 requires UOCAVA ballots to be ready for use ***no later than Tuesday, April 5, 2022***. A board of elections should transmit UOCAVA ballots as soon as possible to voters who submitted an absentee ballot application if the following condition applies:

- No protest is filed against any candidate for U.S. House, Ohio House, Ohio Senate, and State Central Committee, or the protests have been resolved.

An upcoming directive for the unofficial and official canvasses for the 2022 primary election will include adjusted deadlines for completion of the canvasses.

II. INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXPEDITED MAILING OF UOCAVA BALLOTS

S.B. 11 requires expedited delivery and return of UOCAVA ballots. If the UOCAVA voter did not indicate a preference for delivery or indicated mail as their preferred delivery method, a board of elections must contact the voter, explain the time constraints for return of the ballot, and offer expedited delivery via email or fax. Boards must use the voter's telephone number, even if it is an international number, and email address, if available, to contact them. A board may accept a voter's change in delivery preference by phone or email, rather than requiring the voter to submit a new Federal Post Card Application ("FPCA") or other form of absentee ballot application. If the UOCAVA voter still prefers to receive their ballot by mail, the board must follow the instructions below to expedite delivery.

For expedited shipping through the United States Postal Service ("USPS"), the board must utilize an existing service (e.g., Pitney Bowes, Neopost, etc.) or create and/or utilize a Click-N-Ship account to create a mailing label with the appropriate postage type for that voter's return ballot. For expedited shipping through a private carrier (e.g., FedEx, DHL, UPS, etc.), a board of elections must create an account on the carrier's website, if an account is not already established. Boards of elections must use the account to create prepaid shipping labels for the expedited return of the ballot from the voter. Boards must select the ***quickest and earliest version of shipping possible for ballot return***. Boards must diligently create, proof, and address mailing and return labels to ensure the ballot is promptly delivered to the voter and returned timely to the board of elections.

A. DELIVERY OF THE UOCAVA BALLOT

Boards must use the UOCAVA absentee ballot instructions ([Form 12-K, updated March 11, 2022](#)) and print the instructions on standard letter-sized paper if mailing the absentee ballot to the

³ [R.C. 3511.09](#).

⁴ S.B. 11, Section 5(B).

⁵ S.B. 11, Section 5(C).

⁶ S.B. 11, Section 5(D).

UOCAVA voter. Boards must also use the delivery and return envelopes specifically for UOCAVA voters. Our Office recommends printing the instructions in color to allow the contents to stand out. To reflect the temporary changes in law, the following forms have been updated:

- UOCAVA Absentee Ballot Instructions ([Form 12-K](#));
- Return Envelope for UOCAVA Ballot ([Form 285](#)); and
- Envelope for Delivery of UOCAVA Ballot ([Form 286](#)).

Boards must follow the instructions set forth below when mailing UOCAVA absentee ballots:

- For **uniformed services voters, eligible spouses, and dependents**:
 - For **any APO/FPO/DPO address**, use the United States Postal Service (“USPS”) Priority Mail service to deliver the ballot. For help with addressing APO/FPO/DPO mail, please visit this [USPS article](#).
 - For a **domestic mailing address**, use the United States Postal Service (“USPS”) Priority Express Mail service to deliver the ballot.
 - For a **mailing address outside of the United States**, use the USPS Priority Mail International service to deliver the ballot. Ensure that the voter’s address is correct.
- For **non-military overseas voters**, use a private carrier (*e.g.*, FedEx, UPS, or DHL) or USPS Priority Mail Express International service, whichever provides for the fastest delivery to that overseas voters’ specific location.

B. RETURN OF THE UOCAVA BALLOT

Each board of elections that transmits a UOCAVA ballot to a voter must take the following steps to enable an expedited return of the ballot:

- For **uniformed services voters, eligible spouses, and dependents**:
 - For any voter with an **APO/FPO/DPO address**, prepare and provide a USPS label to the voter. If the voter requests to receive their ballot by email, a .pdf of the label must be one of the attachments to the email. The .pdf can be created and downloaded on the USPS “Click-N-Ship” site. When selecting a method for mailing, utilize the quickest, earliest time for Priority Mail. Boards must include “United States of America” when inserting the board’s address into the label.
 - For a **domestic mailing address**, prepare and provide a USPS label to the voter. If the voter requests to receive their ballot by email, a .pdf of the label must be one of the attachments to the email. The .pdf can be created and downloaded on the USPS “Click-N-Ship” site. When selecting a method for mailing, utilize the quickest, earliest time for Priority Mail Express.
 - For a **mailing address outside of the United States**, prepare and provide a USPS label to the voter. If the voter requests to receive their ballot by email, a .pdf of the label must be one of the attachments to the email. The .pdf can be created and downloaded on the USPS “Click-N-Ship” site. When selecting a method for mailing, utilize the quickest, earliest time for Priority Mail Express International. Boards must include “United States of America” when inserting the board’s address into the label.

- For **non-military overseas voters**, setup and use an account with a private carrier to prepare a label containing the board's account number. This prepared label must be provided electronically or by mail, if the ballot is delivered by mail. Boards should use information available on websites or contact the delivery service directly to determine the best and fastest shipping service for the delivery of the ballot to the board of elections. Boards must include "United States of America" when inserting the board's address into the label.

C. STATE FUNDING FOR EXPEDITED MAILING OF UOCAVA BALLOTS

Boards of elections may use their grant allocation from S.B. 9 and the new appropriation of funds in S.B. 11 to pay the costs for expedited delivery and return of UOCAVA ballots. Our Office will soon issue additional guidance regarding the S.B. 11 funds.

More information regarding the logistics of expedited mailing for UOCAVA ballots will be provided as soon as possible. If you have any questions concerning this Directive, please contact the Secretary of State's elections counsel at (614) 728-8789.

Yours in service,



Frank LaRose
Ohio Secretary of State



Official Absentee Ballot

Uniformed Services Member or
United States Citizen Residing
Outside the United States

[BOE Name]
[BOE Address]
[BOE City, State, ZIP]
United States of America

Official Absentee Balloting Material



[Voter Name]
[Voter Address]
[Voter City, State, ZIP]
[Voter Country]

Official Absentee Ballot

*Return your voted ballot as soon as possible.
Mail or return your ballot in person by 7:30 p.m. EDT on Election Day.*

[BOE Name]

Contact Information



[BOE Website]



[BOE Email]



[BOE Phone Numbers]

How to Return Your Voted Absentee Ballot



BY MAIL

Mail your ballot by 7:30 p.m. EDT on Election Day.

OR



IN PERSON AT THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Return* your ballot to the board of elections by 7:30 p.m. EDT on Election Day.

* Persons who may return the voted ballot include: the voter, the voter's spouse or the voter's father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, brother, or sister of the whole or half blood, or the son, daughter, adopting parent, adopted child, stepparent, stepchild, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece (R.C. 3509.05).

For more information visit: VoteOhio.gov/UOCAVA

Track your ballot online! VoteOhio.gov/track



Instructions for Uniformed Services or Overseas Voters

R.C. 3511.021, 3511.09, 3511.021, 3505.181, S.B. 11

Please Read Carefully

1 Complete Your Ballot

- ☐ Fill in the entire box or oval for your selection.
- ☐ Do not make any other markings on your ballot.
- ☐ Follow the specific instructions on the ballot.



2 Prepare Your Ballot and Envelope

On the *outside* of the Identification Envelope, you *must* do the following:

- ☐ Print your name and address on the Identification Envelope (if not already pre-printed by your board of elections)
- ☐ Provide **ONE** of the following:
 - A. The last four digits of your Social Security number →OR←
 - B. Your Ohio driver license number (2 letters followed by 6 numbers) →OR←
 - C. A **COPY** of a current and valid photo ID, a military ID, or a current (within the last 12 months) utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document (other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections), that shows your name and address.



Place the **copy of your ID** in the Return Envelope **separate** from the Identification Envelope. Election officials must be able to see you have provided ID in order to open and count your ballot.

- ☐ Sign your name. **Important!** Your ballot cannot be counted without your signature.
- ☐ Do not remove the numbered stub attached to your ballot. **The numbered stub must remain attached to your ballot. Your ballot cannot be counted if the stub is removed.**
- ☐ Sign your completed Identification Envelope.

If you received your ballot by mail:

- ☐ Place your voted ballot into the completed Identification Envelope.
- ☐ Seal the envelope. Your ballot cannot be counted if it is not sealed in the Identification Envelope.
- ☐ Place the sealed, completed and signed Identification Envelope into the Return Envelope.

If you received your ballot by fax or email:

- ☐ You may print a copy of the first page of the Return Envelope which accompanied your balloting materials from your county boards of elections (SOS Form 285 – using the number 10 or 6" x 9" template size depending on what will fit best on your envelope) and securely affix it to a return envelope.¹
- ☐ Place the Identification Envelope/Statement of Voter and your voted ballot in the Return Envelope. If you did not write your Ohio driver's license number or the last four digits of your Social Security number on your Identification Envelope/Statement of Voter, include a copy of a current and valid photo identification, a military ID, or a current (within the last 12 months) utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document (other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections), that shows your name and address. Place the copy of your identification in the Return Envelope but not inside the Identification Envelope. Election officials must be able to determine you have provided identification in order to count your ballot.
- ☐ Seal the Return Envelope.

¹Alternatively, you may utilize the Open Postage-Paid Envelope Template on the Federal Voting Assistance Program website (<https://www.fvap.gov> and search "Envelopes") which may be used if mailed in the U.S. Postal System, which includes all U.S. military post offices (APO/FPO) overseas, or through the diplomatic pouch available at U.S. embassies/consulates. The template must be printed on a number 10 or larger.

3 Return Your Ballot

Return Your Ballot In Person or Mail Your Ballot By:
7:30 p.m. EDT on May 3, 2022



By Mail

- ➔ Use the shipping label provided to return the ballot to the board of elections.
- ➔ In order for your ballot to be counted, the ballot must be mailed by 7:30 p.m. EDT on Election Day and the voted ballot must be received by the county board of elections by May 23, 2022.
- ➔ You **may not transmit** your absentee voter ballot by electronic means (fax or email).
- ➔ Ballots received late cannot be counted.

In Person

If you are returning your absentee ballot in person to your board of elections, you must do so by 7:30 p.m. on May 3, 2022. Secure drop boxes are available at all boards of elections. Only you, your spouse, child, or a near relative* may deliver your ballot to the board of elections for you. For county boards of elections locations and hours, please visit: VoteOhio.gov/boards.

You may **NOT** return your absentee ballot to your polling place.



4 Track Your Ballot

- ☐ Go to VoteOhio.gov/track.
- ☐ Select your county.
- ☐ Enter your first and last name to see where your ballot is or if it has been processed.

What happens if I make an error when I mark my ballot?

If you make a mistake when marking your ballot, please **immediately** contact your county board of elections for a replacement ballot by **phone or email**. You may request a replacement ballot only two times. Find your board of elections at VoteOhio.gov/boards.

For more information, visit VoteOhio.gov/UOCAVA.

NOTICE:

If you change your mind about voting absentee and decide to vote at your precinct polling location on Election Day, you will be required to vote a provisional ballot.

* Persons who may return the voted ballot include: the voter, the voter's spouse or the voter's father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, brother, or sister of the whole or half blood, or the son, daughter, adopting parent, adopted child, stepparent, stepchild, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece (R.C. 3509.05).



Return Envelope

Official Absentee Ballot

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Member or United States
Citizen Residing Outside
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Official Election Balloting Material-VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

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Return your ballot early

Mail or return your ballot in person by 7:30 p.m. EDT on Election Day.

Did you...

- ☐ Fill out and sign the Identification Envelope?
- ☐ Seal the Identification Envelope?
- ☐ Put the Identification envelope inside this one?
- ☐ Affix enclosed prepaid postage label?

For more information visit:
VoteOhio.gov/UOCAVA

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Instructions to Voter

(per R.C. 3511.05)

If the flap on this envelope is so firmly stuck to the back of the envelope when received by you as to require forcible opening in order to use it, open the envelope in the manner least injurious to it, and, after marking your ballots and enclosing same in the envelope for mailing them to the Director of the board of elections, re-close the envelope in the most practicable way, by sealing or otherwise, and sign the blank form printed below.

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Track your ballot online! VoteOhio.gov/track

RELEASED: March 11, 2022

SUMMARY

- *Advisory 2022-02* alerts the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections (CCBOE) to changes resulting from the passage of Substitute Senate Bill 102 (S.B. 102). Specifically, S.B. 102 changes Ohio's liquor law and local option elections.
- The most significant change in law is that in most circumstances, a local option election may be held on a day which a primary election may be held, even if no primary election is held that day (i.e., no candidate offices are on the ballot in that precinct).
- S.B. 102 takes effect on March 23, 2022.

SUMMARY

I. SPECIAL ELECTIONS FOR LOCAL OPTION ISSUES

S.B. 102 allows a local option election to be held on a day which a primary election may be held, even if no primary election is held that day. Previously, a local option election could only be held on a primary election day if there were candidate offices on the ballot for that precinct.

There are two exceptions to this:

1. If the question is whether to permit the sale of beer pursuant to R.C. 4305.14(B), the election may only be held on the date of a general or primary election. (Note: Governor DeWine signed Amended Substitute Senate Bill 9 on March 9, 2022, which allows for this category of local election to occur on the date of a primary election, even without a candidate office on the ballot. This change takes effect June 8, 2022.)
2. If the question is whether to permit the sale of spirituous liquor by the glass in precincts in which the electors voted against the repeal of Article XV, Section 9 of the Ohio Constitution (Prohibition) in 1933, the election may only be held on the date of a general election.

II. SALES OF ALCOHOL ON SUNDAYS

A. HOURS OF OPERATION FOR SUNDAY SALES AND BALLOT LANGUAGE

S.B. 102 authorizes a retail liquor permit holder or a liquor agency store to sell alcohol on Sundays during the same hours as on Monday through Saturday. Previously, Sunday sales hours were restricted to begin at 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. and end at midnight.

As a result of the new law, ballot language for local option elections that authorizes Sunday sales will no longer reference these hours of operation. The Secretary of State (SOS) has updated local option petition forms and notices to liquor permit holders to reflect this change.

A local option petition filed for the Nov. 8, 2022 General Election on an outdated petition form must not be invalidated solely on that basis.

B. SUNDAY SALES QUESTIONS FOR THE 2022 PRIMARY ELECTION

S.B. 102 instructs the CCBOE on how to handle Sunday sales questions for the May 3, 2022 Primary Election:

1. If ballots have not been printed as of **March 23, 2022**, revise the question(s) to authorize sales of beer, wine, mixed beverages, or spirituous liquor on Sunday during the same hours those products may be sold on Monday through Saturday.
2. If the ballots have been printed, a notice must be posted at each polling place and enclosed with each absentee ballot stating: "Due to a recent change in law, votes for limited Sunday sales hours will be counted as approval for sales on Sunday during the same hours as on Monday through Saturday."

C. SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR SUNDAY SALES LOCAL OPTION

As a result of S.B. 102, the required number of signatures for a Sunday sales question varies based on whether the petition is solely for a Sunday sales question. If the petition is solely for one or more Sunday sales questions, the petition only needs 50 signatures. If the petition is for a question that is not specific to Sunday sales, or the petition is for a combination of questions for Sunday sales and questions not specific to Sunday sales, the signature requirement remains 35% of the total number of votes cast in the precinct for Governor at the preceding general election for that office.

A revised version of the Guide to Local Liquor Options Elections will soon be available ([current Guide was last published in 2017](#)).



ADVISORY 2022-02

March 11, 2022

To: All County Boards of Elections
Board Members, Directors, and Deputy Directors

Re: Substitute Senate Bill 102 and Changes to Local Option Elections Law

BACKGROUND

This Advisory alerts boards of elections to changes in the administration of elections resulting from the passage of [Substitute Senate Bill 102](#) ("S.B. 102"). More specifically, S.B. 102 changes Ohio's liquor law and local option elections. The bill takes effect on March 23, 2022.¹

SUMMARY

I. SPECIAL ELECTIONS FOR LOCAL OPTION ISSUES

With two exceptions, S.B. 102 allows a local option election to be held on a day on which a primary election may be held, even if no primary election is held that day.² Under prior law, a local option election could only be held on a primary election day if there were actually candidate offices on the ballot for that precinct.³ Under continuing law, a local option election can be held on the day of a general election as well.

In the following circumstances, a local option election may not occur on the date of a primary election if there are no candidate offices on the ballot for that precinct:

1. If the question is whether to permit the sale of beer pursuant to R.C. 4305.14(B), the election may only be held on the date of a general or primary election.⁴

Note: Governor DeWine signed Amended Substitute Senate Bill 9 into law on March 9, 2022. The bill allows the category of local option election described directly above to occur on a day on which a primary election may be held, even if no primary election is held that day. This change in law takes effect on June 8, 2022.

¹ [Article II, Section 1\(c\)](#) of the Ohio Constitution.

² [R.C. 4301.33\(B\)](#), [4301.331\(B\)](#), [4301.332\(B\)](#), [4301.333\(A\)](#), [4301.334\(A\)](#), and [4301.356](#).

³ See [R.C. 3501.01](#) (defining primary election).

⁴ See [R.C. 4305.14](#), unchanged by S.B. 102.

2. If the question is whether to permit the sale of spirituous liquor by the glass in precincts in which the electors voted against the repeal of Article XV, Section 9 of the Ohio Constitution (Prohibition) in 1933, the election may only be held on the date of a general election.⁵

II. SALES OF ALCOHOL ON SUNDAYS

A. HOURS OF OPERATION FOR SUNDAY SALES AND BALLOT LANGUAGE

S.B. 102 authorizes a retail liquor permit holder or a liquor agency store to sell alcohol on Sundays during the same hours as on Monday through Saturday.⁶ Under prior law, Sunday sales hours were restricted to begin at 10:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m., based upon the local option that passed within the jurisdiction, and end at midnight.

As a result of this change, the ballot language for local option elections that authorizes Sunday sales will no longer reference the above hours of operation.⁷ Our Office has revised the following forms to reflect the change in law:

- Local Option Petition Forms: [Forms 5-D](#), [5-R](#), [5-S](#), and [5-Q](#);⁸
- Notice to liquor permit holder: [Forms 5-H](#) and [5-M](#);
- Notice of election to be held on local option questions: [Form 126-A](#); and
- Certificate of official result of election form: [Form 126-B](#) (Excel format).

A local option petition filed for the November 8, 2022 General Election on an outdated petition form (prior versions of Forms 5-D, 5-E, 5-R, 5-S, 5-Q, and 5-T) must not be invalidated solely on that basis.⁹ If the local option petition otherwise satisfies all legal requirements for certification, the Sunday sales question may be certified and appear on the ballot without reference to hours of operation.

B. SUNDAY SALES QUESTIONS FOR THE 2022 PRIMARY ELECTION

S.B. 102 includes temporary law that governs how boards should handle Sunday sales questions for the May 3, 2022 Primary Election.¹⁰ In such an instance, boards must do the following:

1. If the ballots have not been printed as of March 23, 2022 (the effective date of the bill), revise the question(s) to authorize sales of beer, wine, mixed beverages, or spirituous liquor on Sunday during the same hours those products may be sold on Monday through Saturday.

2. If the ballots have been printed, post a notice at each polling place on Election Day and enclose with each absentee ballot a notice stating: “Due to a recent change in law, votes for limited

⁵ See [R.C. 4303.29\(C\)\(1\)](#), unchanged by S.B. 102.

⁶ [R.C. 4301.172](#) and [4303.182](#).

⁷ [R.C. 4301.351\(B\) and \(C\)](#), [4301.354\(B\) and \(C\)](#), and [4301.356](#).

⁸ Forms 5-E and 5-T have been consolidated with Forms 5-D and 5-Q.

⁹ See [R.C. 3501.38\(L\)](#).

¹⁰ S.B. 102, Section 3.

Sunday sales hours will be counted as approval for sales on Sunday during the same hours as on Monday through Saturday.”

C. SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR SUNDAY SALES LOCAL OPTION

S.B. 102 revises the number of signatures needed to place a Sunday sales question on the ballot. As a result of the bill, the required number of signatures varies based on whether the petition is solely for a Sunday sales question. If the petition is solely for one or more Sunday sales questions, the petition only needs the signatures of 50 electors.¹¹ If the petition is for a question that is not specific to Sunday sales, or the petition is for a combination of questions for Sunday sales and questions not specific to Sunday sales, the signature requirement remains 35% of the total number of votes cast in the precinct for Governor at the preceding general election for that office.¹²

A revised version of the Guide to Local Liquor Options Elections will soon be available. Until then, boards must share a copy of this Advisory whenever a petitioner requests information and petition forms for a local option election. If you have any questions regarding this Advisory, please contact the Secretary of State’s elections counsel at (614) 728-8789.

Yours in service,



Frank LaRose
Ohio Secretary of State

¹¹ [R.C. 4301.33\(C\)\(3\)](#), [4301.332\(E\)\(3\)](#), and [4301.333\(B\)](#).

¹² [R.C. 4301.33\(C\)\(1\) and \(2\)](#), [4301.332\(E\)\(1\) and \(2\)](#), and [4301.333\(B\)](#).

Local Liquor Option Election Petition**A petition to submit the question of the sale of intoxicating liquors on Sunday.***R.C. 3501.38, 4301.33 and 4301.351***Instructions**

1. Any one or more of the following questions may be submitted.
2. Complete the description of the precinct for each question to be submitted.
3. All of the above must be done before obtaining any signature on the petition.
4. The petition must be filed with the Board of Elections of the county in which the precinct is located, no later than 4 p.m. of the 90th day before the day of a general or primary election.

To the Board of Elections of _____ County, Ohio:
Name of County Board of Elections

We, the undersigned, qualified electors of the precinct hereinafter defined, respectfully petition that you submit to the electors of such precinct the following question(s):

(1) Shall the sale of intoxicating liquor, of the same types as may be legally sold in this precinct on other days of the week, be permitted in this _____ for consumption on the premises where sold on Sunday?
Name of Precinct

(2) Shall the sale of intoxicating liquor, of the same types as may be legally sold in this precinct on other days of the week, be permitted in this _____ for consumption on the premises where sold, on Sunday, at licensed premises where the sale of food and other goods and services exceeds fifty percent of the total gross receipts of the permit holder at the premises?
Name of Precinct

(3) Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages, of the same types as may be legally sold in this precinct on other days of the week, be permitted in this _____ for consumption off the premises where sold on Sunday?
Name of Precinct

Signatures on this petition must be written in ink.

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Circulator Statement

Must be completed and signed by the circulator.

I, _____, declare under penalty of election falsification that I reside at the address
Printed Name of Circulator
 appearing below my signature; that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition containing _____ signatures;
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 that I witnessed the affixing of every signature; that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief
 qualified to sign; and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person
 whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

Signature of Circulator

 Permanent Residence Address

 City or Village

 State

 Zip Code

Local Liquor Option Election Petition

A petition to submit the question of the sale of beer, wine and mixed beverages, or spirituous liquor at a particular location within a precinct if the petitioner for the local option election is an applicant for the issuance or transfer of a liquor permit at, or to, a particular location within a precinct; or the holder of a permit at a particular location within the precinct; or a person who operates or seeks to operate a liquor agency store at a particular location within the precinct; or the designated agent of one of these persons.

R.C. 3501.38, 3501.382, 3503.06, 4301.323, 4301.333 and 4301.355

Instructions

1. Either or both of the two questions set forth below may be submitted.
2. The petition section for any question to be submitted must be completed **before** any signature may be obtained on this petition.
3. The petition must be filed with the Board of Elections of the county in which the precinct is located, not later than 4 p.m. of the 90th day before the day of a general or primary election, except as follows:

If the petition is being filed with respect to a previous local option election, the petitioner must satisfy both of the following conditions:

- a. No later than 29 days after the Ohio Division of Liquor Control receives final notice of the result of such election affecting the liquor permit holder, the petition must be filed with the Board of Elections in which such precinct is located; **and**
- b. No later than 29 days after the Ohio Division of Liquor Control receives final notice of the result of such election affecting the liquor permit holder, a copy of the petition with the Board of Elections' file stamp must be filed with the Superintendent of the Division of Liquor Control.

To the Board of Elections of _____ County, Ohio:
Name of County Board of Elections

We, the undersigned, qualified electors of the precinct hereinafter defined, respectfully petition that you submit to the electors of such precinct the following question(s):

(1) Shall the sale of _____ be
Insert above one or more of the following three choices: "beer"; "wine and mixed beverages"; or "spirituous liquor"

permitted by _____,
Insert name (as submitted to Division of Liquor Control) of liquor permit holder or applicant, or liquor agency store, including, if applicable, trade or fictitious name under which applicant for, or holder of, liquor permit or liquor agency store either does, or intends to do, business at the particular location

a(n) _____ a _____ liquor permit(s),
Insert "an applicant for" or "a holder of" or "an operator of" Insert name of the type of liquor permit or permits, or if appropriate, "liquor agency store for the State of Ohio"

authorizing _____
Insert brief description of the type of sales authorized by the permits listed above, such as "on-premise sales," "off-premise sales," or "on/off premise" sales

who is engaged in the business of _____
Insert general nature of the business in which liquor permit holder or applicant is engaged, or will be engaged, at the particular location

at _____ in this precinct?
Insert address of the particular location within the precinct

(2) Shall the sale of _____ be
Insert above one or more of the following three choices: "beer"; "wine and mixed beverages"; or "spirituous liquor"

permitted for sale on Sunday by _____
Insert name (as submitted to Division of Liquor Control) of liquor permit holder or applicant, or liquor agency store, including, if applicable, trade or fictitious name under which applicant for, or holder of, liquor permit or liquor agency store either does, or intends to do, business at the particular location

a(n) _____
Insert all that applies: "an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit, holder of a D-6 liquor permit," or "liquor agency store," "an applicant for or holder of an A-1-A, A-2, A-2f, A-3a, C-1, C-2x, D-1, D-2x, D-3, D-3x, D-4, D-5, D-5b, D-5c, D-5e, D-5f, D-5h, D-5i, D-5j, D-5k, D-5l, D-5m, D-5n, D-5o or D-7 liquor permit," (if only the approval of beer sales is sought), or "liquor agency store"

authorizing _____
Insert brief description of the type of sales authorized by the permits listed above, such as "on-premise sales," "off-premise sales," or "on/off premise" sales

who is engaged in the business of _____
Insert general nature of the business in which liquor permit holder or applicant is engaged, or will be engaged, at that particular location

at _____ in this precinct?
Insert address of the particular location within the precinct

Signatures on this petition must be written in ink.

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Circulator Statement

Must be completed and signed by the circulator.

I, _____, declare under penalty of election falsification that I reside at the address
Printed Name of Circulator
 appearing below my signature; that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition containing _____ signatures;
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 that I witnessed the affixing of every signature; that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief
 qualified to sign; and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person
 whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

Signature of Circulator

 Permanent Residence Address

 City or Village

 State

 Zip Code

Local Liquor Option Election Petition

A petition to submit the question of the sale of beer and intoxicating liquor on all days of the week including Sunday at a community facility or a community entertainment district.

R.C. 3501.38, 4301.324, 4301.334 and 4301.356

Instructions

1. Before obtaining signatures, complete the name and address of the community facility, and if applicable, the boundaries of the community entertainment district.
2. The petition must be filed with the Board of Elections of the county in which the community facility is located, not later than 4 p.m. of the 90th day before the day of a general or primary election.

To the Board of Elections of _____ County, Ohio:
Name of County Board of Elections

We, the undersigned, qualified electors, respectfully petition that you submit to the electors of the municipal corporation or unincorporated area of the township the following question:

Shall the sale of beer and intoxicating liquor be permitted all days of the week including Sunday at

_____, a community facility as defined by section 4301.01
Insert name of community facility

of the Revised Code, and located at _____?
Insert the address of the community facility and, if the community facility is a community entertainment district, the boundaries of the district

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Circulator Statement

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I, _____, declare under penalty of election falsification that I reside at the address
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 appearing below my signature; that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition containing _____ signatures;
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 that I witnessed the affixing of every signature; that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief
 qualified to sign; and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person
 whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

Signature of Circulator

 Permanent Residence Address

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Local Liquor Option Election Petition Affecting a Portion of a Precinct for Sunday Sales

A petition to submit the question of the sale of intoxicating liquor on Sunday.

R.C. 3501.38, 4301.322, 4301.332 and 4301.354

Instructions

1. Any one or more of the following questions may be submitted.
2. Complete the description of the precinct for each question to be submitted.
3. All of the above must be done **before** obtaining any signature on the petition.
4. The petition must be filed with the Board of Elections of the county in which the precinct is located, no later than 4 p.m. of the 90th day before the day of a general or primary election.

To the Board of Elections of _____ County, Ohio:
Name of County Board of Elections

We, the undersigned, qualified electors of the precinct hereinafter defined, respectfully petition that you submit to the electors of such precinct the following question(s):

(1) Shall the sale of intoxicating liquor be permitted in a portion of this precinct on Sunday for consumption on the premises where sold, where the status of such Sunday sales as allowed or prohibited is inconsistent with the status of such Sunday sales in the remainder of the precinct, _____?
Name of Precinct

(2) Shall the sale of intoxicating liquor be permitted in a portion of this precinct on Sunday for consumption on the premises where sold at licensed premises where the sale of food and other goods exceeds fifty percent of the total gross receipts of the permit holder at the premises, where the status of such Sunday sales as allowed or prohibited is inconsistent with the status of such Sunday sales in the remainder of the precinct, _____?
Name of Precinct

(3) Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages be permitted in a portion of this precinct on Sunday for consumption off the premises where sold, where the status of such Sunday sales as allowed or prohibited is inconsistent with the status of such Sunday sales in the remainder of the precinct, _____?
Name of Precinct

Signatures on this petition must be written in ink.

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Circulator Statement

Must be completed and signed by the circulator.

I, _____, declare under penalty of election falsification that I reside at the address
Printed Name of Circulator
 appearing below my signature; that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition containing _____ signatures;
Number
 that I witnessed the affixing of every signature; that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief
 qualified to sign; and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person
 whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

Signature of Circulator

 Permanent Residence Address

 City or Village

 State

 Zip Code

4301.351 Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages, of the same types as may be legally sold in this precinct on
(3)
Sunday Sales other days of the week, be permitted in this _____ for consumption off the premises
Name of Precinct
where sold, on Sunday?

Certificate of Official Result of Election on Local Liquor Option Question(s)

Member signature

Member signature

Member signature

Director (attest)

This Certificate of "Official Result of Election" is to be made in duplicate, and one copy forwarded immediately to the Secretary of State, Columbus, Ohio, and one copy forwarded to the Division of Liquor Control, Columbus, Ohio. A plat of the precinct(s) showing and designating all streets and highways in the precinct shall be forwarded to the Division of Liquor Control with the results of the election. *R.C. 4301.39*

Notice to Liquor Permit Holder of the Circulation of a Local Option Petition

R.C. 4301.33, 4301.332 and 4305.14

To:

Name of Permit Holder

Address of Permit Premises

Notice is hereby given that a petition is being circulated for an election for the submission of the question(s) specified in division (A) to (C) of section 4301.35, section 4301.351, section 4301.353, section 4301.354 or division (B) of section 4305.14 of the Ohio Revised Code, as designated below.

The question(s) to be submitted as they appear on the petition are as follows:

4301.35 (A) Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages by the package, under permits which authorize sale for off-premise consumption only, be permitted in _____ ?
Name of Precinct

4301.35 (B) Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages, under permits which authorize sale for on-premise consumption only, and under permits which authorize sale for both on-premise and off-premise consumption, be permitted in _____ ?
Name of Precinct

4301.35 (C) Shall the sale of spirituous liquors by the glass be permitted in _____ ?
Name of Precinct

4301.35 (D) Shall state liquor stores or liquor agency stores for the sale of spirituous liquor by the package, for consumption off the premises where sold, be permitted in _____ ?
Name of Precinct

4301.351 (1) Sunday Sales Shall the sale of intoxicating liquor, of the same types as may be legally sold in this precinct on other days of the week, be permitted in this _____ for consumption on the premises where sold, on Sunday?
Name of Precinct

4301.351 (2) Sunday Sales Shall the sale of intoxicating liquor, of the same types as may be legally sold in this precinct on other days of the week, be permitted in this _____ for consumption on the premises where sold, on Sunday, at licensed premises where the sale of food and other goods and services exceeds fifty percent of the total gross receipts of the permit holder at the premises?
Name of Precinct

4301.351 (3) Sunday Sales Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages, of the same types as may be legally sold in this precinct on other days of the week, be permitted in this _____ for consumption off the premises where sold, on Sunday?
Name of Precinct

4301.353 (A) Portion of Precinct Shall the sale of _____ by the package, under permits that authorize the sale for off-premises consumption only, be permitted in a portion of this precinct in which the status of the sale of _____ as allowed or prohibited is inconsistent with the status of such sale in the remainder of the precinct, _____ ?
Insert one or both of the following: Beer, or Wine and Mixed Beverages
Name of Precinct

4301.353 (B) Portion of Precinct Shall the sale of _____, under permits that authorize sale for on-premises consumption only, and under permits that authorize sale for both on-premises and off-premises consumption, be permitted in a portion of this precinct in which the status of the sale of _____, as allowed or prohibited is inconsistent with the status of such sale in the remainder of the precinct, _____ ?
Insert one or more of the following: Beer, or Wine and Mixed Beverages, or Spirituous Liquor
Name of Precinct

4301.354
(1)
Portion of
Precinct
Sunday Sales

Shall the sale of intoxicating liquor be permitted in a portion of this precinct on Sunday for consumption on the premises where sold, where the status of such Sunday sales as allowed or prohibited is inconsistent with the status of such Sunday sales in the remainder of the precinct, _____?
Name of Precinct

4301.354
(2)
Portion of
Precinct
Sunday Sales

Shall the sale of intoxicating liquor be permitted in a portion of this precinct on Sunday for consumption on the premises where sold at licensed premises where the sale of food and other goods exceeds fifty percent of the total gross receipts of the permit holder at the premises, where the the status of such Sunday sales as allowed or prohibited is inconsistent with the status of such Sunday Sales in the remainder of the precinct, _____?
Name of Precinct

4301.354
(3)
Portion of
Precinct
Sunday Sales

Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages be permitted in a portion of this precinct on Sunday for consumption off the premises where sold, where the status of such Sunday sales as allowed or prohibited is inconsistent with the status of such Sunday sales in the remainder of the precinct, _____?
Name of Precinct

the precinct,

4305.14
(1)
Beer

Shall the sale of beer as defined in section 4305.08 of the Revised Code under permits which authorize sale for off-premises consumption only be permitted within this precinct, _____?
Name of Precinct

4305.14
(2)
Beer

Shall the sale of beer as defined in section 4305.08 of the Revised Code under permits which authorize sale for on-premises consumption only, and under permits which authorize sale for both on-premises and off-premises consumption, be permitted in this precinct, _____?
Name of Precinct

This notice is provided to you by the petitioner:

Name of Petitioner Signature Date

Street and Number City or Village State Zip Code

Form 5-P

4301.353 (A) Portion of Precinct Shall the sales of _____ by the package, under
Insert one or both of the following: Beer, or Wine and Mixed Beverages
permits that authorize the sale for off-premises consumption only, be permitted in a portion of this precinct
in which the status of the sale of _____
Insert one or both of the following: Beer, or Wine and Mixed Beverages
as allowed or prohibited is inconsistent with the status of such sale in the remainder of the precinct,

Name of Precinct ?

4301.353 (B) Portion of Precinct Shall the sale of _____ under permits
Insert one or both of the following: Beer, or Wine and Mixed Beverages, or Spirituous Liquor
that authorize sale for on-premises consumption only, and under permits that authorize sale for both
on-premises and off-premises consumption, be permitted in a portion of this precinct in which the status
of the sale of _____ as allowed or
Insert one or both of the following: Beer, or Wine and Mixed Beverages, or Spirituous Liquor
prohibited is inconsistent with the status of such sale in the remainder of the precinct,

Name of Precinct ?

Form 5-Q

4301.354 (1) Portion of Precinct Sunday Sales Shall the sale of intoxicating liquor be permitted in a portion of this precinct on Sunday for consumption on the
premises where sold, where the status of such Sunday sales as allowed or prohibited is inconsistent with the
status of such Sunday sales in the remainder of the precinct, _____ ?
Name of Precinct

4301.354 (2) Portion of Precinct Sunday Sales Shall the sale of intoxicating liquor be permitted in a portion of this precinct on Sunday for consumption on
the premises where sold at licensed premises where the sale of food and other goods exceeds fifty percent
of the total gross receipts of the permit holder at the premises, where the status of such Sunday sales as allowed
or prohibited is inconsistent with the status of such Sunday sales in the remainder of the precinct,

Name of Precinct ?

4301.354 (3) Portion of Precinct Sunday Sales Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages be permitted in a portion of this precinct on Sunday for
for consumption off the premises where sold, where the status of such Sunday sales as allowed or prohibited
is inconsistent with the status of such Sunday sales in the remainder of the precinct, _____ ?
Name of Precinct

Form 5-S

4301.356 Community Facility Sunday Sales Shall the sale of beer and intoxicating liquor be permitted on all days of the week including Sunday at
_____, a community facility as defined by section 4301.01 of the Revised
Insert name of community facility
Code, and located at _____ ?
Insert the address of the community facility and, if the community facility
is a community entertainment district, the boundaries of the district

Notice of Election to Be Held On Local Option Question(s)

To be mailed to the Secretary of State immediately upon the determination of the date of the election; copy also to be mailed to the Division of Liquor Control.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a petition, resolution, ordinance, or judgment entry filed with the Board of Elections of _____ County, Ohio on the _____ day of _____, (Month) _____, there will be submitted to a vote of the electors of said precinct, at the _____ (Year) _____ (Primary or General) election to be held at the regular place of voting therein, on the _____ day of _____ (Month) _____, (Year) _____, in the precinct designated as follows:

_____ on the questions designated by check marks as follows:

Sale of Beer (Form 5-A) (One or more questions may be submitted)

Check the questions
to be voted on.

1. Shall the sale of beer as defined in section 4305.08 of the Revised Code under permits which authorize sale for off-premises consumption only be permitted within this precinct, _____ ?
(Name of precinct) ☐ (Check if question on ballot)
2. Shall the sale of beer as defined in section 4305.08 of the Revised Code under permits which authorize sale for on-premises consumption only, and under permits which authorize sale for both on-premises and off-premises consumption, be permitted in this precinct, _____ ?
(Name of precinct) ☐ (Check if question on ballot)

Sale of Spirituous Liquor by the Glass (Form 5-B) (Submitted as a separate question)

Check the questions
to be voted on.

Shall the sale of spirituous liquor by the glass as defined in section 4301.01 of the Revised Code be permitted in _____ ?
(Name of precinct) ☐ (Check if question on ballot)

Local Option (Form 5-C) (One or more questions may be submitted)

Check the questions
to be voted on.

- A. Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages by the package, under permits which authorize sale for off-premise consumption only, be permitted in _____ ?
(Name of precinct) ☐ (Check if question on ballot)
- B. Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages, under permits which authorize sale for on-premise consumption only, and under permits which authorize sale for both on-premise and off-premise consumption, be permitted in _____ ?
(Name of precinct) ☐ (Check if question on ballot)
- C. Shall the sale of spirituous liquors by the glass be permitted in _____ ?
(Name of precinct) ☐ (Check if question on ballot)
- D. Shall state liquor stores or liquor agency stores for the sale of spirituous liquor by the package, for consumption off the premises where sold, be permitted in _____ ?
(Name of precinct) ☐ (Check if question on ballot)

Sunday Sale of Liquor (Form 5-D)

(One or more questions may be submitted)

Check the questions
to be voted on.

1. Shall the sale of intoxicating liquor, of the same types as may be legally sold in this precinct on other days of the week, be permitted in this

_____ for consumption on the premises
(Name of precinct)
where sold on Sunday?

☐

(Check if question on ballot)

2. Shall the sale of intoxicating liquor, of the same types as may be legally sold in this precinct on other days of the week, be permitted in this _____

(Name of precinct)
for consumption on the premises where sold on Sunday, at licensed premises where the sale of food and other goods and services exceeds fifty percent of the total gross receipts of the permit holder at the premises?

☐

(Check if question on ballot)

3. Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages, of the same types as may be legally sold in this precinct on other days of the week, be permitted in this

_____ for consumption off the premises
(Name of precinct)
where sold on Sunday?

☐

(Check if question on ballot)

Particular Premises Local Option

(Submitted as a separate question)

Check the questions
to be voted on.

Shall the sale of beer and intoxicating liquor at

_____ which was adjudged to be a
(Insert address of the permit premises)
nuisance to the public by _____
(Insert name of the court, including name of the political subdivision of the court, issuing such judgment)
on _____ be permitted in this precinct?
(Insert the date the judgment was issued by the court)

☐

(Check if question on ballot)

Local Option Affecting a Portion of a Precinct (Form 5-P)

(One or more questions may be submitted)

Check the questions
to be voted on.

- A. Shall the sales of _____
(Insert one or both of the following: Beer, or Wine and Mixed Beverages)
by the package, under permits that authorize the sale for off-premises consumption only, be permitted in a portion of this precinct in which the status of the sale of _____
(Insert one or both of the following: Beer, or Wine and Mixed Beverages)
as allowed or prohibited is inconsistent with the status of such sale in the remainder of the precinct, _____ ?
(Name of precinct)

☐

(Check if question on ballot)

- B. Shall the sale of _____
(Insert one or both of the following: Beer, or Wine and Mixed Beverages)
under permits that authorize sale for on-premises consumption only, and under permits that authorize sale for both on-premises and off-premises consumption, be permitted in a portion of this precinct in which the status of the sale of _____
(Insert one or both of the following: Beer, or Wine and Mixed Beverages)
as allowed or prohibited is inconsistent with the status of such sale in the remainder of the precinct, _____ ?
(Name of precinct)

☐

(Check if question on ballot)

**Local Option Affecting a Portion of a Precinct
for Sunday Sales (Form 5-Q)**

(One or more questions may be submitted)

Check the questions
to be voted on.

- (1) Shall the sale of intoxicating liquor be permitted in a portion of this precinct on Sunday for consumption on the premises where sold, where the status of such Sunday sales as allowed or prohibited is inconsistent with the status of such Sunday sales in the remainder of the precinct _____ ?

(Name of precinct)

☐

(Check if question on ballot)

- (2) Shall the sale of intoxicating liquor be permitted in a portion of this precinct on Sunday for consumption on the premises where sold at licensed premises where the sale of food and other goods exceeds fifty percent of the total gross receipts of the permit holder at the premises, where the status of such Sunday sales as allowed or prohibited is inconsistent with the status of such Sunday sales in the remainder of the precinct _____ ?

(Name of precinct)

☐

(Check if question on ballot)

- (3) Shall the sales of wine and mixed beverages be permitted in a portion of this precinct on Sunday for consumption off the premises where sold, where the status of such Sunday sales as allowed or prohibited is inconsistent with the status of such Sunday sales in the remainder of the _____ ?

(Name of precinct)

☐

(Check if question on ballot)

**Local Option for Particular Use at
Business Location (Form 5-R)**

Check the questions
to be voted on.

- (1) Shall the sale of _____ be permitted by
(Insert one or more of following three choices: beer, wine and
mixed beverages, or spirituous liquor)

[Name (as submitted to Division of Liquor Control) of applicant, liquor permit holder, or liquor agency store,
including if applicable, trade or fictitious name under which applicant for, or holder of, liquor permit or liquor
agency store either intends to do, or does, business at the particular location]

a(n) _____ a _____
(Insert "applicant for" or "holder
of" or "operator of") (Insert class name of the type of liquor permit or permits or, if appropriate,
the words "liquor agency store for the State of Ohio")

☐

(Check if question on ballot)

liquor permit(s), who is engaged in the business of

(Insert general nature of the business in which applicant or liquor permit holder is engaged or will be engaged in at the
particular location, as described in the petition)

at _____, in this precinct?
(Insert address of the particular location within the precinct as set forth in the petition)

- (2) Shall the sale of _____ be permitted for sale
(Insert one or more of following three choices: beer, wine
and mixed beverages, or spirituous liquor)

on Sunday by

[Name (as submitted to Division of Liquor Control) of applicant, liquor permit holder, or liquor agency
store, including if applicable, trade or fictitious name under which applicant for, or holder of, liquor permit
or liquor agency store either intends to do, or does, business at the particular location]

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[Insert all that applies: applicant for a D-6 liquor permit, holder of a D-6 liquor permit, or "liquor agency store,
applicant for or holder of an A-1-A, A-2, A-2f, A3a, C-1, C-2x, D-1, D-2x, D-3, D-3x, D-4, D-5, D-5b, D-5c, D-5e,
D-5f, D-5h, D-5i, D-5j, D-5k, D-5l, D-5m, D-5n, D-5o or D-7 liquor permit, (if only for the approval of beer sales
is sought), or liquor agency store]

☐

(Check if question on ballot)

who is engaged in the business of

(Insert general nature of the business in which applicant or liquor
permit holder is engaged or will be engaged in at the particular
location, as described in the petition)

at _____, in this precinct ?
(Insert address of the particular location within the precinct as set forth in the petition)

Local Option for Community Facility (Form 5-S)

Check the questions
to be voted on.

Shall the sale of beer and intoxicating liquor be permitted all days of the week including
Sunday at _____
(Insert name community facility)

a community facility as defined by section 4301.01 of the Revised Code, and located

at _____ ?
(Insert the address of the community facility and, if the community facility is a community entertainment district, the
boundaries of the district.)

☐

(Check if question on ballot)

By order of the Board of Elections, _____ County, Ohio.

Dated (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

Director

Certificate of Official Result of Election on Local Liquor Option Question(s)

We, the Board of Elections of [Insert county name here] County, Ohio do hereby certify that the following is the result of the Election held in said county, on the [Insert day in which the election was held here] day of [Insert the month in which the election was held here] in the precinct designated as follows:

| | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| SALE OF BEER (Form 5-A) (One or more questions may be submitted) | Precinct | YES | NO |
| 1. Shall the sale of beer as defined in section 4305.08 of the Revised Code under permits which authorize sale for off-premises consumption only be permitted within this precinct, [Insert to the right the name of the precinct] | | | |
| 2. Shall the sale of beer as defined in section 4305.08 of the Revised Code under permits which authorize sale for on-premises consumption only, and under permits which authorize sale for both on premises and off-premises consumption, be permitted in this precinct, [Insert to the right the name of the precinct] | | | |
| SALE OF SPIRITUOUS LIQUOR BY THE GLASS (Form 5-B) (Submitted as a separate question) | Precinct | YES | NO |
| Shall the sale of spirituous liquor by the glass as defined in section 4301.01 of the Revised Code be permitted in [Insert to the right the name of the precinct] | | | |
| LOCAL OPTION (Form 5-C) (One or more questions may be submitted) | Precinct | YES | NO |
| A. Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages by the package, under permits which authorize sale for off-premise consumption only, be permitted in [Insert to the right the name of the precinct] | | | |
| B. Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages, under permits which authorize sale for on-premise consumption only, and under permits which authorize sale for both on-premise and off-premise consumption, be permitted in [Insert to the right the name of the precinct] | | | |
| C. Shall the sale of spirituous liquors by the glass be permitted in [Insert to the right the name of the precinct] | | | |
| D. Shall state liquor stores or liquor agency stores for the sale of spirituous liquor by the package, for consumption off the premises where sold, be permitted in [Insert to the right the name of the precinct] | | | |
| SUNDAY SALE OF LIQUOR (Form 5-D) (One or more questions may be submitted) | Precinct | YES | NO |
| 1. Shall the sale of intoxicating liquor, of the same types as may be legally sold in this precinct on other days of the week, be permitted in this [Insert to the right the name of the precinct] for consumption on the premises where sold on Sunday? | | | |
| 2. Shall the sale of intoxicating liquor, of the same types as may be legally sold in this precinct on other days of the week, be permitted in this [Insert to the right the name of the precinct] for consumption on the premises where sold on Sunday, at licensed premises where the sale of food and other goods and services exceeds fifty percent of the total gross receipts of the permit holder at the premises? | | | |
| 3. Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages, of the same types as may be legally sold in this precinct on the other days of the week, be permitted in this [Insert to the right the name of the precinct] for consumption off the premises where sold Sunday? | | | |
| LOCAL OPTION AFFECTING A PORTION OF A PRECINCT (Form 5-P) (One or more questions may be submitted) | Precinct and Question Details | YES | NO |
| A. Shall the sale of [Insert to the right one or both of the following: beer, or wine and mixed beverages] | | | |
| by the package, under permits that authorize the sale for off-premises consumption only, be permitted in a portion of this precinct in which the status of the sale of [Insert to the right one or more of the following: beer, or wine and mixed beverages] | | | |

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| | | | |
|---|-----------------|------------|-----------|
| as allowed or prohibited is inconsistent with the status of such sale in the remainder of the precinct, [Insert to the right the name of the precinct] ? | | | |
| B. Shall the sale of [Insert to the right one or more of following: beer, wine and mixed beverages, or spirituous liquor] under permits that authorize sale for on-premises consumption only, | | | |
| and under permits that authorize sale for both on-premises and off-premises consumption, be permitted in a portion of this precinct in which the status of the sale [Insert to the right one or more of the following: beer, wine and mixed beverages, or spirituous liquor] | | | |
| as allowed or prohibited is inconsistent with the status of such sale in the remainder of the precinct, [Insert to the right the name of the precinct] ? | | | |
| LOCAL OPTION AFFECTING A PORTION OF A PRECINCT FOR SUNDAY SALES (Form 5-Q) (One or more questions may be submitted) | Precinct | YES | NO |
| (1) Shall the sale of intoxicating liquor be permitted in a portion of this precinct on Sunday for consumption on the premises where sold, where the status of such Sunday sales as allowed or prohibited is inconsistent with the status of such Sunday sales in the remainder of the precinct, [Insert to the right the name of the precinct] ? | | | |
| (2) Shall the sale of intoxicating liquor be permitted in a portion of this precinct on Sunday for consumption on the premises where sold at licensed premises where the sale of food and other goods exceeds fifty percent of the total gross receipts of the permit holder at the premises, where the status of such Sunday sales as allowed or prohibited is inconsistent with the status of such Sunday sales in the remainder of the precinct, [Insert to the right the name of the precinct] ? | | | |
| (3) Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages be permitted in a portion of this precinct on Sunday for consumption off the premises where sold, where the status of such Sunday sales as allowed or prohibited is inconsistent with the status of such Sunday sales is the remainder of the precinct, [Insert to the right the name of the precinct] ? | | | |

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| LOCAL OPTION FOR PARTICULAR USE AT BUSINESS LOCATION (Form 5-R) (One or more questions may be submitted) | Precinct and Question Details | YES | NO |
|--|--------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| (1) Shall the sale of [Insert to the right one or more of the following three choices: beer, wine and mixed beverages, or spirituous liquor] be permitted by [Insert to the right the name of applicant, liquor permit holder, or liquor agency store, including if applicable, trade or fictitious name under which applicant for, or holder of, liquor permit or liquor agency store either intends to, or does, business at the particular location] | | | |
| a(n) [Insert to the right "applicant for" or "holder of" or "operator of"] | | | |
| a [Insert to the right the class name of liquor permit or permits followed by the words "liquor permit(s)" or, if appropriate, the words liquor agency store for the State of Ohio] | | | |
| who is engaged in the business of [Insert to the right the general nature of the business in which applicant or liquor permit holder is engaged or will be engaged in at the particular location, as described in the petition] | | | |
| at [Insert to the right the address of the particular location within the precinct as set forth in the petition] in this precinct? | | | |
| (2) Shall the sale of [Insert to the right one or more of the following three choices: beer, wine and mixed beverages, or spirituous liquor] be permitted for sale on Sunday by [Insert to the right the name of applicant, liquor permit holder, or liquor agency store, including if applicable, trade or fictitious name under which applicant for, or holder of, liquor permit or liquor agency store either intends to, or does, business at the particular location] | | | |
| a(n) [Insert to the right "applicant for a D-6 liquor permit" "holder of a D-6 liquor permit", or liquor agency store, applicant for or holder of an A-1-A, A-2, A-2f, A-3a, C-1, C-2x, D-1, D-2x, D-3, D-3x, D-4, D-5, D-5b, D-5c, D-5e, D-5f, D-5g, D-5h, D-5i, D-5j, D-5l, D-5m, D-5n, D-5o or D-7 liquor permit, if only for approval of beer sales, or liquor agency store] | | | |
| who is engaged in the business of [Insert to the right the general nature of the business in which applicant or liquor permit holder is engaged or will be engaged in at the particular location, as described in the petition] | | | |
| at [Insert to the right the address of the particular location within the precinct as set forth in the petition] in this precinct? | | | |
| LOCAL OPTION FOR COMMUNITY FACILITY Form (5-S) | Precinct and Question Details | YES | NO |
| Shall the sale of beer and intoxicating liquor be permitted on days of the week other than Sunday, at [Insert to the right the name of community facility], a community facility as defined by section 4301.01 of the Revised Code, and located at [Insert to the right the address of the community facility and, if the community facility is a community entertainment district, the boundaries of the district, as set forth in the petition] | | | |
| PARTICULAR PREMISES LOCAL OPTION - NUISANCE (Submitted as a separate question) | Precinct and Question Details | YES | NO |
| (1) Shall the sale of beer and intoxicating liquor at [Insert address of the permit premises to the right] which was adjudged to be a nuisance to the public by [Insert name of the court, including name of the political subdivision of the court, issuing such judgment] on [Insert to the right the date the judgment was issued by the court to the right] be permitted in this precinct [Insert to the right the name of the precinct]? | | | |

Signed at [Insert name of City], Ohio the [Insert day of certification] day of [Insert month and year of certi

Chairperson signature

Agenda Item #2

Petition for Board Review

James Hemphill



CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Petition for Board Review

Insufficient Signatures

James Hemphill – U.S. Congress District 11 - Republican

Timeline:

3/4/2022

Candidate filed a petition

- Valid Signatures Required: 50
- Signatures Filed: 99
- Invalid Part Petition 1 (total signatures 16)
- Valid Signatures: 45
- Petition signatures short: 5

3/8/2022

Candidate notified by email advising petition was insufficient by 5 signatures and encouraged to withdraw. Five (5) signatures were deemed Not Genuine Signatures.

Candidate also informed that one part petition was not completed properly. Pursuant to ORC 3501.38(E)(1), the individual collecting the signatures (referred to as a circulator) on a part-petition must provide the number of signatures witnessed by the circulator and sign it. On one part-petition, the circulator did not provide the number of signatures.

3/9/2022

Candidate met with Betty Grant Edwards, Manager of the Registration Department to review his petition.

Ms. Edwards, along with Registration Staff Members were able to determine 3 signatures that were borderline acceptable. However, it was also discovered that the Candidate had signed his own petition. Therefore, 2 additional valid signatures were added. This resulted in 5 invalid signatures.

Orlana Wright – Signature on file is dated 10/12/2018. Ms. Wright voted at the polls for the November 3, 2020, General Election. The signatures have no qualities that match the Registration signature.

Margaret Downey – Registration received her registration on March 4, 2022. Petition signature does not have any qualities that match the Registration signature.

Jerome Wright – Signature on file is dated 7/8/2016. Voter has never voted. The petition signature does not have any qualities that match the Registration signature.

Rena Wright – Signature on file is dated 3/15/2016 (Provisional Envelope). Ms. Wright voted at the polls for the November 3, 2020, General Election. The signatures have no qualities that match the Registration signature.

Jayson Jackson – Signature on file is from an Online Voter Registration (OLVR) dated 10/2/2020.

Because of the OLVR, there is no registration card on file. The voter has never voted.

- Candidate advised staff he would attempt to obtain notarized statements from the five “not genuine” signers and present them to the Board at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: Candidate’s petition does not have the qualifying minimum valid signatures, and therefore should not be certified to the May 3, 2022, Primary Election.

Orlana Wright

Petition Line 7

Orlana Wright 275 E 197 Euclid 44119 2-25-22

Petition Signature

Your Signature



Date

(MM/DD/YYYY)

10-12-18

Registration

Signature
2018

Orlana Wright

Name: ORLANA L WRIGHT

Address: 275 E 197TH ST

EUCLID 44119

Voter ID

1027211

Precinct-Group

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Birth Date: Race/Gender:

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11/3/2020

Margaret Downey

Petition Line 71

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| ^{1.} Margaret Downey | 3516 E 74th street | Chicago | Cuy | 2-25-22 |

Petition Signature

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Signature from Registration Card

Jerome Wright

Petition Line 29

PK 10 29. Jerome Wright 3917 Monticello Blvd Central Hts Cal 92015 2-28-20

Petition Signature

14. Your Signature

Date 07 / 08 / 2016
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Rena V. Wright

Petition Line 32

32 Rena Wright 3917 Monticello Blvd Cleveland City 20822

Signature

at the time of the general election.

Declara, bajo pena de fraude electoral, que soy ciudadano de los Estados Unidos, que he vivido en este estado durante al menos 30 días previos a las elecciones próximas y que tengo al menos 18 años de edad en el momento de las elecciones generales.

11. Your Signature / Su firma →

Date / Fecha 8/7/2012

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Registration Database

all the information required to register to vote or update my registration.

- I understand that knowingly providing false information is a violation of law and is punishable by law.
- I hereby declare, under penalty of election administration, that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature X

Today's date

08/15/2012

Provisional Envelope 2016

Name: RENA V WRIGHT
Address: 3917 MONTICELLO BLVD
CLEVELAND HTS 44121

Voter ID
2337483
Precinct-Group
CLHT05B - 01

Birth Date: 07/27/1981 /
Style/No ID Type
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18:02:36 by KATHERINE MACEK

Signature

Electronic Poll Book

11/3/2020

Jason Johnson Petition Line 6

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| 6. Jason Johnson | 1800 Crestline | Cleveland | @cuyahoga | 9/3/22 |
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Petition Signature

Jason Johnson

Signature from On-line Voter Registration 10/2/2020

Declaration of Candidacy
Party Primary Election for District Office
For Representative to Congress

To be filed with the Board of Elections of the most populous county or part county of the district not later than 4 p.m. of the 90th day before the primary election.

R.C. 3513.05, .07, .08, .09, .10, .191, 3501.38

Declaration of Candidacy

NOTE - The candidate must fill in, sign and date this declaration of candidacy before the signatures of electors are affixed.

I, James Hemphill, the undersigned, hereby declare under penalty of election falsification that
 my residence address is 3388 Berkeley Rd, Cleveland Hts, OH, 44118.
Name of Candidate Street Number and Address, if any, (or rural route and number) City or Village State Zip Code

I further declare that I desire to be a candidate for nomination to the office of Representative to Congress as a

member of the Republican Party from the 11th District for the: ☒ full term or ☐ unexpired
Political Party District Number Check one
 term ending 1-3-2025, at the primary election to be held on the 3 day of May, 2022.
Unexpired Term Ending Date Day Month Year

I further declare that, if elected to this office or position, I will qualify therefor, and that I will support and abide by the

principles enunciated by the Republican Party.
Political Party

Dated this 19th day of February, 2022.
Day Month Year

[Signature]
 Signature of Candidate

Name on ballot: James Hemphill

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Petition for Candidate

This petition shall be circulated only by a member of the same political party as stated above by the candidate.

We, the undersigned, qualified electors of the State of Ohio, whose voting residence is in the county, city, village, or township, set opposite our names, and members of the Republican Party, hereby certify that JAMES HEMPHILL, whose declaration of candidacy is filed herewith, is in our opinion, well qualified to perform the duties of the office or position to which the person desires to be elected.
Name of Candidate Political Party

Signatures on this petition should be from only one county and must be written in ink. Signatures on this petition shall be of persons who are of the same political party as stated above by the candidate.

| Signature | Voting Residence Street Number and Address | City, Village, or Township | County | Date of Signing |
|--------------------|---|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>2679 E 63 Apt 2</u> | <u>Cleveland</u> | <u>Cuy</u> | <u>2-24-22</u> |
| <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>8409 WOOD AVE #3</u> | <u>Cleveland</u> | <u>Cuy</u> | <u>2-24-22</u> |
| <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>3317 Broadview</u> | <u>Lorain</u> | <u>Lorain</u> | <u>2-24-22</u> |
| <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>14418 Beddingfield</u> | <u>Maple Hts</u> | <u>Cuy</u> | <u>2-24-22</u> |
| <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>4935 Woodland Ave</u> | <u>Cleveland</u> | <u>Cuy</u> | <u>2-24-22</u> |
| <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>275 E 17</u> | <u>Euclid</u> | <u>Cuy</u> | <u>2-25-22</u> |
| <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>275 E 17</u> | <u>Euclid</u> | <u>Cuy</u> | <u>2-25-22</u> |
| <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>49709 Linn Ave</u> | <u>Cleveland</u> | <u>Cuy</u> | <u>2-25-22</u> |
| <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>1756 Arcady Rd</u> | <u>Cleveland</u> | <u>Cuy</u> | <u>2-25-22</u> |
| <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>324 E 214th St</u> | <u>Euclid</u> | <u>Cuy</u> | <u>2-25-22</u> |

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| Signature | Voting Residence Street Number and Address | City, Village, or Township | County | Date of Signing |
|----------------------|---|-------------------------------|----------|--------------------|
| 1. Margaret Dwyer | 3516 E 74th Street | Cleveland | Cuy | 2-25-22 |
| 2. Deandra Taylor | 12705 Watters Rd | Cleveland | Cuy | 2-28-22 |
| 3. Beth Falkner | 415 Missouri Ave | Coraopolis | Cuy | 2-28-22 |
| 4. Ernest Owens | 7037 Stag Horn Ln | Coraopolis | Cuy | 2-27-22 |
| 5. Janyell Covin | 135 E Look Rd. | Mansfield | Richland | 2-27-22 |
| 6. [Signature] | 19700 Redwood | Euclid | Cuy | 2-26-22 |
| 7. [Signature] | 18702 Resistor Ave | Cleveland | Cuy | 2-27-22 |
| 8. [Signature] | 8912 E 16th Ave | Cleveland | Cuy | 2-27-22 |
| 9. M. Cherry | 4580 W. 14th St | Cleveland | Cuy | 2-27-22 |
| 10. R. Santiago | 22230 Euclid Ave | Euclid | Cuy | 2-27-22 |
| 11. [Signature] | 2576 Jelliffe St | Cleveland | Cuy | 2/28/22 |
| 12. Fred Coleman | 3007 E. 125th | Cleveland, OH | Cuy | 2/28/22 |
| 13. Jennifer Poyner | 6208 Carpenter | Cleveland | Cuy | 2-28-22 |
| 14. Doreen Fraser | 6208 Carpenter | Cleveland | Cuy | 2-28-22 |
| 15. [Signature] | 6208 Carpenter | Cleveland | Cuy | 2-28-22 |
| 16. [Signature] | 24451 Lakeshore Apt 1506 | Euclid | Cuy | 2-28-22 |
| 17. [Signature] | 22230 Euclid Ave | Euclid | Cuy | 2-28-22 |
| 18. Annette Santiago | 20830 Wilmore | Euclid | Cuy | 2-28-22 |
| 19. [Signature] | 3917 Monticello Blvd | Cleveland Hts | Cuy | 2-28-22 |
| 20. [Signature] | 3917 Monticello Blvd | Cleveland Hts | Cuy | 2-28-22 |
| 21. [Signature] | 22230 Euclid Ave | Euclid | Cuy | 2-28-22 |
| 22. [Signature] | 3917 Monticello Blvd | Cleveland Hts | Cuy | 2-28-22 |

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Circulator Statement

Must be completed and signed by the circulator.

I, Richard Stanley, declare under penalty of election falsification that I reside at the address appearing below my signature; that I am a member of the Republican Party; that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition containing 32 signatures; that I witnessed the affixing of every signature; that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign; and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

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[Signature]
Signature of Circulator
24451 Lakeshore Blvd
Permanent Residence Address
Euclid OH 44123
City or Village State Zip Code

Declaration of Candidacy
Party Primary Election for District Office
For Representative to Congress

To be filed with the Board of Elections of the most populous county or part county of the district not later than 4 p.m. of the 90th day before the primary election.

R.C. 3513.05, .07, .08, .09, .10, .191, 3501.38

Declaration of Candidacy

NOTE - The candidate must fill in, sign and date this declaration of candidacy before the signatures of electors are affixed.

I, James Hemphill, the undersigned, hereby declare under penalty of election falsification that my residence address is 3388 Berkeley Rd Cleveland Hts OH 44118.
Name of Candidate
Street Number and Address, if any, (or rural route and number) City or Village State Zip Code

I further declare that I desire to be a candidate for nomination to the office of Representative to Congress as a member of the Republican Party from the 11th District for the: ☒ full term or ☐ unexpired term ending 1-3-2025 at the primary election to be held on the 3 day of May, 2022.
Political Party District Number Check one Unexpired Term Ending Date Day Month Year

I further declare that, if elected to this office or position, I will qualify therefor, and that I will support and abide by the principles enunciated by the Republican Party.
Political Party

Dated this 2nd day of March, 2022.
Day Month Year

[Signature]
 Signature of Candidate

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Petition for Candidate

This petition shall be circulated only by a member of the same political party as stated above by the candidate.

We, the undersigned, qualified electors of the State of Ohio, whose voting residence is in the county, city, village, or township, set opposite our names, and members of the Republican Party, hereby certify that JAMES HEMPHILL, whose declaration of candidacy is filed herewith, is in our opinion, well qualified to perform the duties of the office or position to which the person desires to be elected.
Political Party
Name of Candidate

Signatures on this petition should be from only one county and must be written in ink. Signatures on this petition shall be of persons who are of the same political party as stated above by the candidate.

| Signature | Voting Residence Street Number and Address | City, Village, or Township | County | Date of Signing |
|----------------------------|---|-------------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| 1. <u>Michelle Brown</u> | <u>3591 MLK DR</u> | <u>Cleveland</u> | <u>Cuy</u> | <u>3/3/22</u> |
| 2. <u>Jim Brown</u> | <u>3597 Martin Luther King Jr</u> | <u>Cleveland</u> | <u>Cuy</u> | <u>3/3/22</u> |
| 3. <u>William Brown</u> | <u>3597 MLK DR</u> | <u>Cleveland</u> | <u>Cuy</u> | <u>3/3/22</u> |
| 4. <u>William Brown JR</u> | <u>3597 Martin Luther King Jr</u> | <u>Cleveland</u> | <u>Cuy</u> | <u>3/3/22</u> |
| 5. <u>Burgan Brianna</u> | <u>120 Ruth Ellen</u> | <u>Richmond</u> | <u>Cuy</u> | <u>3/3/22</u> |
| 6. <u>Jason Johnson</u> | <u>1800 Crestline</u> | <u>Cleveland</u> | <u>Cuy</u> | <u>4/2/22</u> |
| 7. <u>Benya Cross</u> | <u>281 E 250th St</u> | <u>Euclid</u> | <u>Cuy</u> | <u>4/1/22</u> |
| 8. <u>Benjamin McLeod</u> | <u>281 E 250th St</u> | <u>Euclid</u> | <u>Cuy</u> | <u>4/1/22</u> |
| 9. <u>Charles McLeod</u> | <u>14414 Ridgely Ave</u> | <u>Maple</u> | <u>Cuy</u> | <u>3/3/22</u> |

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Petition for Board Review

Donald Truex

Petition for Board Review
Insufficient Signatures

Donald Truex – U.S. Congress District 7 - Republican

Timeline:

3/4/2022

Candidate filed a part-petition

- Valid Signatures Required: 50
- Signatures filed: 82
- Valid Signatures: 44
- Petition signatures short: 6

Candidate filed three (3) part-petitions with the majority of signers on each part-petition from Medina County; the petition was emailed to Medina County BOE for signature verification.

3/9/2022

Medina BOE returned their completed certification form (attached) indicating the candidate had only 44 valid signatures.

SOS Candidate Guide – Petition Instructions: “When petitions are circulated in a district that contains more than one county, separate petition papers must be circulated in each county (R.C. 3501.38, R.C. 3513.05, R.C. 3513.07, R.C. 3513.261).”

The majority of signatures from each part petition were obtained in Medina County. Therefore, any signers that did not reside in Medina County were invalid and not counted. The petition contained 20 out-of-county signers. In particular, part-petition number two contained 16 signatures from Medina County, and 15 from Cuyahoga County. All from Cuyahoga County were disqualified.

3/9/2022

Candidate was emailed and left a voice message indicating that the petition had insufficient signatures and was encouraged to withdraw. Candidate was also provided with the Medina BOE signature verification report.

3/11/2022

Candidate responded to Mr. Lawler and SOS LaRose requesting his name appear on the ballot. Candidate was advised that the CCBOE is in receipt of his email, the Board will be provided a copy and he should present his case at the Board meeting on 3/14/22

- SOS Election Officials Manual Chapter 13: Petitions page 361 Petition Pre-Checks

Reads in part: "It is a well-established principle of Ohio election law that the candidate is solely responsible for ensuring that their own petition satisfies the requirements of law. Candidates and issue groups are obligated to investigate, learn, and know the law governing the election process." (full text attached)

- SOS Election Officials Manual Chapter 13: Petitions page 371 One Party per Part-Petition

ONE COUNTY PER PART-PETITION

Ohio law requires part-petitions to contain signatures of electors from only one county. If a part-petition contains signatures from more than one county, the board must first determine the county with the most signatures.⁵⁰

- If the majority of the signatures are from the board's county, it may proceed to process, review, and verify all signatures on the part-petition. The board must invalidate any signatures from other counties.
- If the majority of the signatures are from a different county, the board must not process the petitions. If the petition is for a race that is not statewide, contact the board with the most signatures and the board for the county that is most populous for the specific type of petition filing. At a minimum, the board that improperly received the part-petition must transfer the part-petition to the Director or Deputy Director of the board with the majority of the signatures on the part petition. In the case of statewide races or issues, refer to the directive that accompanies the specific petition.

- Ohio Revised Code Section 3513.05 | Deadline for filing declaration of candidacy. (Ninth paragraph)

"A petition shall consist of separate petition papers, each of which shall contain signatures of electors of only one county. Petitions or separate petition papers containing signatures of electors of more than one county shall not thereby be declared invalid. In case petitions or separate petition papers containing signatures of electors of more than one county are filed, the board shall determine the county from which the majority of signatures came, and only signatures from such county shall be counted. Signatures from any other county shall be invalid." (full code attached)

RECOMMENDATION: Candidate's petitions does not have the qualifying minimum valid signatures, and therefore should not be certified to the May 3, 2022 Primary Election.

Supporting Document

- Medina Board of Elections signature verification report
- Candidate email response 3/11/2022
- SOS Election Officials Manual Chapter 13: Petitions
- Ohio Revised Code Section 3513.05 | Deadline for filing declaration of candidacy

Donald Truex – U.S. Congress District 7 – Republican

Medina Board of Elections signature verification report

MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MEDINA CO BD OF ELECTIONS
P.O. BOX 506
MEDINA, OH 44258

Petition ID: 220302

Receipt ID: 1

Description: DONALD TRUEX US CONGRESS 7TH DISTRICT

Candidate
DONALD TRUEX

Number of Required Signatures 50
Number of Valid Signatures 44

Filing Date: 03/04/22 Start Date: 02/22/22 End Date: 03/04/22

Verified Part Petitions: 3
Circulator Signature Count: 81
Verified Signature Count: 83
Valid Signature Count: 44

Detail of Invalid Signatures

1 -- INVALID: Lined out
1 -- INVALID:ILL - Illegible
9 -- INVALID:NR - Not Registered
2 -- INVALID:WP - Wrong Party
5 -- INVALID:NG - Not Genuine - Sig does not match
20 -- INVALID:OC - Other County
1 -- INVALID: Blank Line

39 Total Invalid Signatures

0 Invalid Part Petitions with 0 Circulator count and 0 lines used

PENDING - Awaiting Sig Verify

Donald Truex – U.S. Congress District 7 – Republican

Candidate email response 3/11/2022

My appeal and complaint

Don Truex <dontruex@outlook.com>

Fri 3/11/2022 10:40 AM

To: Brent Lawler <blawler@cuyahogacounty.gov>

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155 East Sunset Street

Apt 216

Rittman, Ohio 44270

March 11, 2022

Ohio Secretary of State LaRose

22 N. 4th Street

Columbus, Ohio 43215

Phone 614-466-2585

RE: Official complaint about misleading wording, consequently instruction, on form 2-E that caused qualified names to be removed from my petition for Congressional Representative, District 7. This is also a request for a review of my petitions.

Dear Ohio Secretary of State LaRose
and Mr. Brent Lawler, Supervisor Cuyahoga County Board of Elections

Considering the language used the in line of instruction immediately above the signature blocks of form 2-E, it is VERY misleading and, in my case, caused harm to me by causing the removal of several signatures I collected which caused my petition to be 6 short of the required 50 to place my name on the ballot.

Here is an exact quote of the sentence, the instructions in question:

"Signatures on this petition should be from only one county and must be written in ink." Notice the wording in this sentence, the use of the words SHOULD and MUST. It clearly says the "Signatures on this petition should be from only one county..."The word "should" is a verb, an ambiguous word denoting a request, an appeal to..., a wish. There is no command, explicit or implicit, even unspoken, when using the word "should". Therefore, it leaves the reader free to do as he chooses. The reader is under no obligation to meet any requirement.

Now the second part of the same compound sentence, and I quote it here: "... and must be written ink". "Must" is a verb, a word of obligation expressing a command, an obligation, a duty, a responsibility, a

requirement, expressing a necessary requirement to fulfill a law. I will even argue a requirement to avoid a mistake. None of these definitions are found anywhere joined to word "should".

Now put the two words used in the above quoted instructions found on form 2-E together and it creates a lot of confusion, muddle meaning with misleading information. In the first part of the compound sentence the reader is told they "should" do something. In the second part of the same compound sentence the reader is told they "must" do something. The two words are defined very differently and leads the reader to believe that one is a request the other is a command. The two words do not have equal strength or equal meaning, one being an ambiguous request the other being a word of obligation, a command.

Unfortunately, the need for such detailed analysis is only found after a problem, such as this, comes up. In a normal reading of such words, one would not suspect any critical analysis would be needed.

I believe the state of Ohio has an obligation to supply legal forms to the general public that are free from error and confusion, consequently and subsequently, a clear, true and concise representation of the law. They should not be misleading. They should "not" cause the citizen to make mistakes they would not ordinarily make. And they certainly should never mix or join definitions of very different words.

However, when such a form as 2-E is authored and issued by the state of Ohio, with such misleading, false, and confusing definitions as imposed upon should and must (should and must have very different meanings) that it creates confusion on the part of the reader, the state of Ohio has no right to expect the reader to know the author (the state of Ohio) intends both, but different words, to have the same exact definition, which are very different from their ordinary meaning, and that any decision rendered in a complaint such as this, should be decided in favor of the aggrieved, the harmed person, Donald Truex, because I trusted the state issued information to be clear, true and concise, which caused me harm by believing the instructions and doing as they stated which caused the needless removal of names from my petitions for Ohio Congressional Representative, District 7.

Again, the word "must" is a word of obligation reserved to detail any unavoidable requirement or obligation. On the other hand, the word "should" is an ambiguous word reserved to express a request, not a command. The definitions of these two words should never be linked or joined together for any reason, especially when the reader is not advised of such changes.

Therefore, I request the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections to reconsider my petitions and allow my name to be placed on the ballot for the upcoming primary election May 3, 2022.

Attached for your reference is a copy of form 2-E that is in question.

Donald Truex

Cc: Mr. Brent Lawler

Supervisor
Cuyahoga County Board of Elections

Donald Truex – U.S. Congress District 7 – Republican

SOS Election Officials Manual Chapter 13: Petitions

See Pages 361 & 371

Chapter 13: PETITIONS

Directive 2022-17

Section 13.01 Petitions Generally

The board of elections reviews candidate petitions and most issue petitions for validity and sufficiency.¹ The Secretary of State prescribes certain candidate and issue petition forms as required by law and many other frequently used petition forms as a courtesy. [The Secretary of State's forms are provided in PDF format on the Secretary of State's website.](#) The board must ensure that, if it is providing petition forms to candidates or issue groups, it is providing the most current version of the prescribed form.² Forms are updated promptly in response to law changes, so it is imperative that boards pull petitions directly from the Secretary of State's website when providing them to the public.

To ensure all voters receive properly updated voter-initiated activity dates, boards must check and verify each signature on an otherwise valid part-petition even if a candidate or issue meets the required number of signatures to gain ballot access.

CANDIDATE PETITIONS³

The statutes prescribing the form of candidate petitions generally require substantial compliance.

When there is an error or omission on a petition form, the Secretary of State, in the case of a statewide candidate, or the board of elections, in the case of all other candidates, must determine whether the prospective candidate substantially complied with the form of the petition.

In determining whether a prospective candidate substantially complied with the form of the petition, the inquiry is typically fact-specific. The board should consult with its legal counsel, the county prosecutor, when reviewing petitions.

The board also should check municipal charters for additional requirements and qualifications for candidates seeking a municipal office.

¹ [R.C. 3501.11\(K\)](#)

² [R.C. 3501.38\(L\)](#)

³ [R.C. Chapter 3513](#)



LOCAL QUESTION AND ISSUE PETITIONS

The board must review, examine, and certify the sufficiency and validity of a local question and issue petitions. Sometimes the governing legal provisions vest another public office with the initial responsibility of certifying the sufficiency and validity of the petition before the petition comes to the board of elections. The board should check municipal charters for additional requirements and qualifications for initiated ordinances and referendums.

The Secretary of State's Office publishes two resources that help boards of elections, taxing authorities, and the public gain a general overview of the laws governing ballot questions and issues. [The Ohio Ballot Questions & Issues Handbook: A Guide for Boards of Elections, Taxing Authorities and Political Subdivisions to Placing Questions and Issues on the Ballot](#), along with the [Guide to Local Liquor Options Elections](#) both contain summaries of the statutes relevant to different types of ballot questions and issues. Both resources are accessible via the Secretary of State's website.

PETITION PRE-CHECKS

No board of elections shall pre-check any petition to determine the petition's validity and sufficiency before such time as the original petition has been filed, along with the appropriate filing fee, with a board of elections, the Secretary of State's Office, or other public office as provided by law.⁴

While pre-checks may appear to be a public service that potential candidates might rely on to improve their chances of being certified to the ballot, in reality, pre-checks provide a false sense of security for candidates and issue groups. It is a well-established principle of Ohio election law that the candidate is solely responsible for ensuring that their own petition satisfies the requirements of law. Candidates and issue groups are obligated to investigate, learn, and know the law governing the election process.⁵

To assist prospective candidates and issue petitioners, the Secretary of State's Office provides uniform guidance through several free publications, including the annual [Ohio Candidate Requirement Guide](#), the [Guide to Local Liquor Option Elections](#), the Ohio Presidential Guide, the [Ohio Ballot Questions & Issues Handbook](#), and the [Campaign Finance Handbook](#). This office also prescribes many of the forms used by candidate and issue petitioners. Boards can, and should, be helpful to potential candidates and issue petitioners by providing them with copies of these guides as well as information about the process of filing and the process elections officials will follow once the filing deadline has expired. With this information, and the public access terminals provided by

⁴ *State ex rel. Chevalier v. Brown* (1985), 17 Ohio St.3d 61, 63; *State ex rel. Sturgill v. Lorain Cty. Bd. of Elections* (Ohio App. 9 Dist., 2005), 164 Ohio App.3d 272, 2005 -Ohio- 5660; *State ex rel. Donegan v. Cuyahoga Cty. Bd. of Elections* (2000), 136 Ohio App.3d 589, 595.

⁵ *State ex rel. Chevalier v. Brown* (1985), 17 Ohio St.3d 61, 63; *State ex rel. Sturgill v. Lorain Cty. Bd. of Elections* (Ohio App. 9 Dist., 2005), 164 Ohio App.3d 272, 2005 -Ohio- 5660; *State ex rel. Donegan v. Cuyahoga Cty. Bd. of Elections* (2000), 136 Ohio App.3d 589, 595.



many boards of elections, candidates have the tools to check their own petitions.

However, it is imprudent for a board of elections to engage in a practice that allows any candidate or petitioner to believe that their petition is valid and sufficient before the petition is filed, because, if the board subsequently determines that the petition is invalid, then the board must reject it regardless of whether the board staff previously pre-checked the identical petition. The practice of pre-checking petitions has resulted in some boards of elections being accused of incompetence, political favoritism, and misconduct.

Section 13.02 General Rules for Verifying Candidate and Issue Petitions

REVIEWING DECLARATIONS OF CANDIDACY

As mentioned above, the statutes prescribing the form of candidate petitions generally require substantial compliance. When there is an error or omission on a petition form, the Secretary of State, in the case of a statewide candidate, or the board of elections, in the case of all other candidates, must determine whether the prospective candidate substantially complied with the form.

CANDIDATE NAME

If any person desiring to become a candidate for public office has had a change of name within five years immediately preceding the filing of the person's declaration of candidacy, the person's declaration of candidacy and petition shall both contain, immediately following the person's present name, the person's former names.⁶ This does not apply to a name change due to marriage.⁷

OFFICE

The declaration or statement of candidacy signed by the prospective candidate must identify the office sought so that both the electors signing the petition and the board of elections are able to ascertain from the petition which office the candidate seeks.

TERM

Ohio law requires each person filing a declaration of candidacy or a nominating petition as a candidate for the unexpired term of any office to designate the date on which that unexpired term ends.⁸

⁶ *State ex rel. Morrison v. Franklin County Board of Elections*, 63 Ohio St. 2d 336, N.E. 2d 764 (1980); *Pierce v. Brushart*, 153 Ohio St. 372, N.E.2d 4 (1950); *Martinez v. Cuyahoga Cty. Board of Elections*, 2006 WL 847211; *McLaughlin v. Cuyahoga Cty. Bd. of Elections*, 156 Ohio App.3d 98.

⁷ [R.C. 3513.06](#).

⁸ [R.C. 3513.08](#); [R.C. 3513.28](#).



DATE OF THE ELECTION

The purpose of the date of the election on a declaration of candidacy is to inform those signing the petition as to the election at which the candidate seeks to be on the ballot. The board must determine whether those signing the petition understand which election is at issue.⁹

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE¹⁰

A candidate must sign the declaration or statement of candidacy.¹¹

The question of whether the prospective candidate signed the statement of candidacy before the petition was circulated is a question of fact for the members of the board of elections to decide.

It is only necessary for the candidate to sign one part-petition paper, but the declaration of candidacy so signed shall be copied on each other separate petition paper before the signatures of electors are placed on it.

NOMINATING PETITION PORTION

The question of whether the board may certify a prospective candidate's petition when the "Nominating Petition" portion of the form is incomplete is a substantial compliance decision for the board of elections to make in consultation with its legal counsel, the county prosecuting attorney.

VERIFYING THE VALIDITY OF PART-PETITIONS

Prior to verifying the validity of individual signatures contained on a part-petition, the board of elections must verify the validity of that part-petition. Check each part-petition to determine whether the circulator's statement on the last page of the part-petition has been properly completed. The entire part-petition is invalid if the circulator's statement is not completed as required by law.

FULFILLING PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS

Boards of elections may receive one or more public records requests for copies of the part-petitions for particular candidate or issue. Boards should consult with their statutory legal counsel, the county prosecuting attorney, before rejecting, fulfilling, or responding to any public records request.

⁹ *Hill v. Cuyahoga County Bd. of Elections*, 68 Ohio St.2d 39 (1981); *State ex rel. Stewart v. Clinton Cty. Bd. of Elections*, 124 Ohio St.3d 584.

¹⁰ [R.C. 3513.09](#)

¹¹ Generally, signing or affixing a signature to an election-related document requires a person's written, cursive-style legal mark written in that person's own hand. However, a voter with a disability may personally affix their signature through the use of a reasonable accommodation, including the use of assistive technology or an augmentative device such as a signature stamp.

See [R.C. 3501.011](#), [R.C. 3501.382\(F\)](#) and related [OAG 2015-012](#)



Section 13.03 Circulator Statements

QUALIFICATIONS OF CIRCULATORS:

- ☐ A circulator must be at least 18 years of age.¹²
- ☐ A circulator is not required to be an Ohio elector or an Ohio resident.
- ☐ Each circulator of a candidate petition must be a member of the political party named in the declaration of candidacy.

A board of elections will determine a circulator's party affiliation as follows:

NOT AN OHIO ELECTOR:

- ☐ If the circulator is not an Ohio elector, the board of elections should accept as true the claim of political party membership that is included in the circulator's statement, unless the board has knowledge to the contrary.

OHIO ELECTOR:

- ☐ An Ohio elector who circulates another person's declaration of candidacy and petition for the nomination or election at a partisan primary must not have voted in any other party's primary election in the preceding two calendar years.¹³ The board of elections should examine the circulator's Ohio voting history using the statewide voter registration database. If the board determines that the circulator voted in another political party's primary election during the prior two calendar years, then the part-petition is invalid.

CANDIDATE AS CIRCULATOR

A candidate may circulate their own part-petition regardless of how they may have voted in the prior two calendar years. If the candidate does not hold an elective office, or if the candidate holds an elective office other than one for which candidates are nominated at a party primary, the candidate does not need to file any additional forms. If the candidate holds partisan public office, the candidate can still run for office for a different party, if the candidate has filed a Declaration of Intent to Change Political Party Affiliation ([Form 10-Y](#)).¹⁴

¹² [R.C. 3503.06\(C\)](#); *Citizens in Charge v. Husted*, Case No. 2:13-cv-00935 (S.D. Ohio, Mar. 16, 2015).

¹³ [R.C. 3513.05_17](#).

¹⁴ [R.C. 3513.191](#).



CONVICTED FELONS

Some convicted felons are prohibited from circulating petitions.¹⁵ However, state law does not require a circulator to provide key data points (e.g., date of birth, Social Security number, driver license number, etc.) that constitute "satisfactory evidence" that the person that circulated a petition is the same individual who may be listed in a county's local voter registration database as cancelled due to incarceration of a felony conviction.

Thus, when verifying petitions, boards of elections should presume that a circulator is qualified to circulate petitions, unless there is "satisfactory evidence" that the individual is not qualified.

CIRCULATOR'S STATEMENT ON EACH PART-PETITION¹⁶

Each part-petition must contain a circulator's statement that includes the following completed information:

- ☐ Circulator's signature,¹⁷
- ☐ The number of signatures witnessed by the circulator,
- ☐ And, for a statewide candidate or statewide issue petition:
 - Circulator's name,
 - Address of the circulator's residence,¹⁸ and
 - The name and address of the person employing the circulator to circulate the petition, if any.

Note: If the circulator is a qualified elector of Ohio, there is no requirement that the address of the circulator match the address on file with the board of elections. A board must not invalidate a part-petition solely because the address of the circulator in the circulator's statement differs from the address on file with the board of elections.

The board must review each part-petition to determine that information required as a part of the circulator's statement is entered on each part-petition. The board must accept the circulator statements of part-petitions at face value unless there are

¹⁵ [Ohio Attorney General Advisory Opinion 2010-002](#).

¹⁶ [R.C. 3501.38\(F\)\(1\)](#).

¹⁷ Generally, signing or affixing a signature to an election-related document requires a person's written, cursive-style legal mark written in that person's own hand. However, a voter with a disability may personally affix their signature through the use of a reasonable accommodation, including the use of assistive technology or an augmentative device such as a signature stamp.

See [R.C. 3501.011](#), [R.C. 3501.382\(F\)](#) and related [OAG 2015-012](#).

¹⁸ State law does not define "permanent residence address" for purposes of circulating issue petitions. A board of elections should presume that the address provided by the circulator is the circulator's permanent residence as the statement is signed under penalty of election falsification, which is a fifth degree felony. To the extent that an entity other than the Board believes that the circulator's written permanent residence address is not accurate, an informal objection or formal protest is not properly before a board of elections and should be filed with the Ohio Supreme Court as described in Section VI below.



inconsistencies with the number of signatures witnessed (see below) or with information about the circulator across part-petitions reviewed within a single county (i.e., the circulator writes different permanent residence addresses on different part-petition).

Signature undercounting: Petitions may be filed where the number of signatures reported in the circulator's statement is less than the total number of uncrossed-out signatures submitted on the part-petition (e.g., the circulator's statement indicates 20 signatures witnessed, but there are 22 signatures on the part-petition, none of which were crossed out prior to the petition being filed). In determining whether the number of signatures reported by a circulator of a part-petition matches the number of signatures on that part-petition, particularly with regard to crossed-out signatures, boards of elections should take care so as to not make a determination that is "too technical, unreasonable, and arbitrary" given the unique fact set of that petition and information available to the board, if any.¹⁹ No board may invalidate a part-petition *solely* because a circulator statement includes a number that is lower than the number of signatures it actually contains,²⁰ so long as there is no indication of fraud or material misrepresentation.²¹

However, a circulator must indicate the number of signatures on the part-petition and attest under penalty of election falsification that they witnessed the affixing of every signature.²² Thus, a Board may invalidate a part-petition when it has evidence that a circulator committed fraud.²³ Moreover, a Board must:

[i]nvestigate irregularities... or violations of Title XXXV of the Revised Code by election officers and other persons; administer oaths, issue subpoenas, summon witnesses, and compel the production of books, papers, records, and other evidence in connection with any such investigation; and report the facts to the prosecuting attorney or the secretary of state....²⁴

Signature over-counting: If the number of signatures reported in the circulator's statement is greater than the total number of uncrossed-out signatures on the part-petition (e.g., the circulator's statement indicates that the circulator witnessed 28 signatures, but there are only 5 signatures on the part-petition), then the board must reject the entire part-petition when the over-reporting of signatures on the circulator's statement appears "systemic" and numerous on part-petitions filed by one or more

¹⁹ *State ex rel. Schwarz v. Hamilton Cty. Bd. of Elections*, 173 Ohio St. 321; *State ex rel. Curtis v. Summit Cty. Bd. of Elections*, 144 Ohio St.3d 405.

²⁰ See *State ex rel. Ferrara v. Trumbull Cty. Bd. Of Elections*, Slip Opinion No. 2021-Ohio-3156.

²¹ See *Ohio Mfrs.' Assn. v. Ohioans for Drug Price Relief Act*, 147 Ohio St.3d 42, 2016-Ohio-3038, 59 N.E.3d 1274, ¶19.

²² [R.C. 3501.38\(E\)\(1\)](#).

²³ "And nothing in [*Ferrara*] disturbs the litany of caselaw providing that evidence of fraud triggers full invalidation of a part-petition." *Ferrara* at ¶22.

²⁴ [R.C. 3501.11\(J\)](#).



circulators within the county, or across several counties, for the same petition,²⁵ unless the exception below applies.

Exception: The over-reporting error is the result of “minor or negligent miscounts”²⁶ by the circulator “so long as there is no indication of fraud or material misrepresentation”²⁷ or does not promote fraud. In this circumstance, the board must review the validity of each signature as usual.²⁸

For a statewide petition, if a circulator identifies an employer on the circulator’s statement but does not provide a corresponding address, the board must invalidate the entire part-petition.²⁹ If no employer or address is provided or if both the name of the employer and an address are provided, that aspect of the circulator’s statement is presumed, on its face, to be valid and sufficient.

Section 13.04 Processing Voter Registration Forms

When processing a statewide petition, each county board of elections must process all new, valid voter registrations and changes of name and/or address to existing registrations received by the board or the Secretary of State’s Office as of the date the petition was filed with the Secretary of State before verifying the signatures on the part-petitions.³⁰

For petitions filed with the board of elections, each board first must process all new, valid voter registrations and changes of name and /or address to existing registrations received by the board as of the date the petition was filed with the county board of elections’ office.

²⁵ “Systemic overcounts * * * are an open invitation to fraud * * * and * * * a part-petition of this type is invalid because, on its face, the attestation of the circulator is false: they did not witness the number of signatures indicated.” *Ohio Mfrs. Assn. v. Ohioans for Drug Price Relief Act*, 149 Ohio St.3d 250, at 144.

²⁶ *Ohio Mfrs. Assn. v. Ohioans for Drug Price Relief Act*, 149 Ohio St.3d 250, at 144.

²⁷ *State ex rel. Curtis v. Summit Cty. Bd. of Elections*, 144 Ohio St.3d 405, at 18, citing *State ex rel. Schwarz v. Hamilton Cty. Bd. of Elections*, 173 Ohio St. 321.

²⁸ *State ex rel. Citizens for Responsible Taxation v. Scioto Cty. Bd. of Elections*, 65 Ohio St.3d 167.

²⁹ [R.C. 3519.05](#); [R.C. 3519.06\(A\)](#).

³⁰ [R.C. 3501.38\(A\)](#); [R.C. 3519.15](#).



Section 13.05 Signers

QUALIFICATIONS OF SIGNERS

- ☐ Must be a qualified elector of Ohio.³¹
- ☐ Must be registered to vote at the address provided on the petition as of the date that the petition was filed with the applicable office.³² For statewide issue petitions, the date the board of elections examines the petition.³³
- ☐ If signing a petition for a candidate seeking nomination in a partisan primary, must be a member of the political party of the candidate named on the declaration of candidacy. For purposes of signing candidate petitions for these parties, the person signing is considered to be a member of a political party if the signer voted in that party's primary election, or did not vote in any other party's primary election, in the preceding two calendar years.³⁴
- ☐ A 17-year old who will be 18 years old by the election at which the candidate or issue will appear on the ballot, and is properly registered to vote, may sign a petition.³⁵

SIGNATURES³⁶

- ☐ Each signature *must* be an original signature of that voter.³⁷
- ☐ The signature must match the signature on file with the board of elections.³⁸ A board must not invalidate a signature because an elector signed using a derivative of their first name if the board can confirm the identity of the elector.³⁹ Some acceptable examples include Jack for John or Peg for Margaret. Also, inclusion or omission of a voter's middle initial is not a reason to invalidate a signature.

³¹ [R.C. 3501.38\(A\)](#)

³² [R.C. 3501.38\(A\)](#)

³³ [R.C. 3519.15](#)

³⁴ [R.C. 3513.05, 17](#)

³⁵ [R.C. 3503.06\(A\)](#)

³⁶ [R.C. 3501.011](#)

³⁷ [R.C. 3501.38\(B\)](#). Generally, signing or affixing a signature to an election-related document requires a person's written, cursive-style legal mark written in that person's own hand. However, a voter with a disability may personally affix their signature through the use of a reasonable accommodation, including the use of assistive technology or an augmentative device such as a signature stamp. See [R.C. 3501.011](#), [R.C. 3501.382\(F\)](#) and related [OAG 2015-012](#).

³⁸ If a board of elections has conducted a hearing concerning the consideration of signatures on a candidate or issue petition, it must not disregard evidence produced at that hearing. See *State ex rel. Scott v. Franklin County Board of Elections*, 139 Ohio St.3d 171; "if undisputed evidence shows a nonmatching signature to be genuine, then the board must count the signature even if it does not match the elector's legal mark on the voter-registration record" *State ex rel. Crowl v. Delaware Cty. Bd. of Elections*, 144 Ohio St.3d 346 (O'Connor, C.J., concurring); *State ex rel. Burroughs v. Summit Cty. Bd. of Elections*, 145 Ohio St.3d 220.

³⁹ *State ex rel. Rogers v. Taft*, 64 Ohio St.3d 193, 594 N.E.2d 576 (1992).



- ☐ For identification purposes, the elector may print their name on the petition in addition to signing in cursive their name to the petition.⁴⁰
- ☐ The signature must be written in ink.⁴¹
- ☐ An elector's signature must not be invalidated solely because "non-signature information" was completed by another person (e.g., the elector's printed name, address, county, or the date of signing).
- ☐ Non-signature information may be added by a person other than the elector.⁴²
- ☐ No one may sign a petition more than once. If a person does sign a petition more than once, after the first signature has been marked valid, each successive occurrence of the signature must be invalidated.

Note: Most software systems deployed by county boards of elections are capable of electronically recording decisions on the validity or invalidity of each signature on a petition and tracking for duplicate signatures over time (including in those instances where petitioners are permitted to file supplemental petitions after an initial finding by the Secretary of State that the petition lacks sufficient signatures). These systems should be able to track more than one petition at a time. Additionally, these software systems should be able to produce an electronic file and a printed report of the names, addresses, and valid/invalid code for every signature reviewed by the board. If your county software system cannot provide any of these, or the board does not use that system component, please contact the Elections Division to determine a method that adequately and accurately records information to fulfill reporting and tracking standards.

ADDRESS OF A SIGNER

The petition must contain the elector's voting residence address, including the house number and street name or Rural Free Delivery ("RFD") number, and the appropriate city, village, or township.

- ☐ The elector's ward and precinct are not required.
- ☐ The elector's room or apartment number is not required.
- ☐ A post office box does not qualify as an elector's residence address.
- ☐ If an elector's address given on the petition differs from that on file with the board, then the board must invalidate that signature unless the signer has provided the elector's residence information in a format that is consistent with postal regulations as opposed to the political subdivision on file with the board

⁴⁰ [R.C. 3501.38\(B\)](#).

⁴¹ [R.C. 3501.38\(B\)](#). See also footnote 33.

⁴² *State ex rel. Jeffries v. Ryan*, 21 Ohio App.2d 241, 256 N.E.2d 716 (10th Dist. 1969).



of elections (e.g., writing “Columbus” as the city when the elector’s political subdivision is “Perry Township”). A board must not reject a signature solely based on this difference.

ATTORNEY IN FACT

A registered elector who, by reason of disability, is unable to physically sign their name to a petition may authorize a qualified individual as an attorney in fact to sign the elector’s name to a petition as provided in law.⁴³

A qualified person who has been appointed as an elector’s attorney in fact may sign that elector’s name to the petition paper in the elector’s presence and at the elector’s direction.⁴⁴ The board must compare the attorney in fact’s signature on the petition with the document on file with the board office ([Form 10-F](#) or [10-G](#)).

In order to sign a petition on behalf of a registered voter as that person’s attorney in fact, the board must have a completed [Form 10-F](#) or [10-G](#) on file. Other types of power of attorney documents, filed with a court or some other agency, will not allow an individual to sign election documents on another’s behalf. The proper documentation must be on file with the board of elections.

If a person, who has not been designated the attorney in fact for elections purposes, signs another person’s name to a petition, then the board must, at a minimum, invalidate that signature. If the board determines that the circulator knowingly allowed someone who they knew was unqualified to sign on another person’s behalf, then the entire part-petition must be invalidated.⁴⁵

DATES

Each signature must be followed by the date it was affixed to the petition paper.⁴⁶ The board must not invalidate a signature solely because its date is out of sequence with other signatures on the same part-petition.

A signature on a nominating petition is not valid if it is dated more than one year before the date the petition was filed.⁴⁷

⁴³ [R.C. 3501.382](#).

⁴⁴ [R.C. 3501.382](#).

⁴⁵ [R.C. 3501.38\(F\)](#).

⁴⁶ [R.C. 3501.38\(G\)](#).

⁴⁷ [R.C. 3513.262](#); [R.C. 3513.263](#).



ILLEGIBLE SIGNATURE

The board must invalidate illegible signatures. A signature is illegible only if both the signature and address are unreadable, such that it is impossible for board personnel to query the board's voter registration system to check the signature against a voter registration record.⁴⁸

DITTO MARKS

Ditto marks may be used to indicate duplicate information, e.g., date, address, or county.⁴⁹

ONE COUNTY PER PART-PETITION

Ohio law requires part-petitions to contain signatures of electors from only one county. If a part-petition contains signatures from more than one county, the board must first determine the county with the most signatures.⁵⁰

- If the majority of the signatures are from the board's county, it may proceed to process, review, and verify all signatures on the part-petition. The board must invalidate any signatures from other counties.
- If the majority of the signatures are from a different county, the board must not process the petitions. If the petition is for a race that is not statewide, contact the board with the most signatures and the board for the county that is most populous for the specific type of petition filing. At a minimum, the board that improperly received the part-petition must transfer the part-petition to the Director or Deputy Director of the board with the majority of the signatures on the part petition. In the case of statewide races or issues, refer to the directive that accompanies the specific petition.

NON-GENUINE SIGNATURES

A board of elections must not invalidate an entire part-petition based solely on the number of non-genuine signatures it contains. Only if a circulator knowingly allows an unqualified person to sign a petition, should the entire petition be invalidated.⁵¹

⁴⁸ *State ex rel. Owens v. Brunner*, 125 Ohio St.3d 130, 2010-Ohio-1374.

⁴⁹ *State ex rel. Donofrio v. Henderson*, 4 Ohio App.2d 183, 211 N.E.2d 854 (7th Dist. 1965).

⁵⁰ [R.C. 3513.05](#), [19 R.C. 3519.10](#)

⁵¹ [R.C. 3501.38\(F\)](#).



Section 13.06 Marking Signatures

If a signature is valid, place a check mark in the margin to the left of the signature on the petition paper.

If a signature is invalid, indicate why it is invalid by writing in the margin to the left of the signature the appropriate code symbol for the reason the signature is invalid as follows:

CIR "Circulator." Signed as an elector the part petition they were circulating. (This invalidates the circulator's signature as a signer, but not the entire part petition.)

DUP "Duplicate." The person has signed more than one part petition or twice on the same part petition.

ILL "Illegible." Applies only if both the signature and address are unreadable, so that it is impossible to check the signature against a voter registration record.

NA "No address." The signer must have provided their complete address: house number and street name or RFD, and the appropriate city, village, or township. Failure to provide the name of the county of residence is not fatal if board officials can determine the county from the other information given. Ward and precinct information is not required.

ND "No Date." The petition does not indicate the date on which the signature was affixed. (However, acceptable are: month-date-year, month-date, date out of sequence with other signers' dates, ditto marks.)

NG "Not Genuine." The signature on the petition does not appear to be the genuine signature of the person whose signature it purports to be, compared to the signature on file with the board of elections as of the date the board checks the petition.

NR "Not Registered." The signer is not registered to vote. Each person who signs a petition paper must be a qualified elector as of the date the petition is filed or, for a statewide issue petition, as of the date that the board examines the petition.

NRA "Not Registered Address." The address provided on the petition paper is not the address on file with the board of elections as of the date petition is filed, or for a statewide issue petition, as of the date the board examines the petition.

OC "Other County." The signer is a resident of some other county. Do not cross out signature or address; instead, place code at left margin.

P "Pencil." The signature was written using a pencil.

WP "Wrong Party." The circulator or signer is of a different political party than the party listed on the declaration of candidacy.



It is advisable to use a red ink pen for making marks by the board.

After checking an entire part petition, write on the right side of the front page of each part-petition both the number of valid signatures and the initials of the board employee who checked the part-petition under the number.

Section 13.07 Filing

WHERE TO FILE DECLARATIONS OF CANDIDACY, NOMINATING PETITIONS, AND QUESTION OR ISSUE PETITIONS⁵²

For an office or issue submitted to electors throughout the entire state, including a petition for joint candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor, petitions are filed with the Secretary of State's Office.

For an office or issue submitted only to electors within a county or within a district or subdivision or part thereof smaller than a county, petitions are filed with the board of elections of the county.

For an office or issue submitted only to electors of a district or subdivision or part of a subdivision that overlaps into more than one county, petitions are filed with the board of elections of the county containing the major portion of the population. The most-populous county of districts for Congress, State Senate, State Representative, State Board of Education and Court of Appeals districts is listed at the end of the Candidate Requirement Guide. If an Educational Service Center (ESC) district overlaps into more than one county, the petitions are filed in the county in which the ESC's administrative office is located.

UNFAIR POLITICAL CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES NOTICE

At the time a person files a declaration of candidacy, nominating petition, or declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, the Secretary of State or the board of elections shall furnish that person with a copy of [R.C. 3517.21](#), which sets forth various unfair political campaign activities. Each person who receives the copy shall acknowledge its receipt in writing.⁵³

⁵² [R.C. 3513.05](#); [R.C. 3513.261](#).

⁵³ [R.C. 3513.33](#). Please note the decision in *Susan B. Anthony List v. Ohio Elections Commission*, 45 F. Supp.3d 765 (S.D. Ohio, 2014).

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**Ohio Revised Code Section 3513.05
Deadline for filing declaration of candidacy**

See Page 3.



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3513.05 Deadline for filing declaration of candidacy.

Effective: February 5, 2014

Legislation: Senate Bill 193 - 130th General Assembly

Each person desiring to become a candidate for a party nomination at a primary election or for election to an office or position to be voted for at a primary election, except persons desiring to become joint candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor and except as otherwise provided in section 3513.051 of the Revised Code, shall, not later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the primary election, file a declaration of candidacy and petition and pay the fees required under divisions (A) and (B) of section 3513.10 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and all separate petition papers shall be filed at the same time as one instrument.

When the offices are to be voted for at a primary election, persons desiring to become joint candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor shall, not later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the primary election, comply with section 3513.04 of the Revised Code. The prospective joint candidates' declaration of candidacy and all separate petition papers of candidacies shall be filed at the same time as one instrument. The secretary of state or a board of elections shall not accept for filing a declaration of candidacy and petition of a person seeking to become a candidate if that person, for the same election, has already filed a declaration of candidacy or a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, or has become a candidate by the filling of a vacancy under section 3513.30 of the Revised Code for any federal, state, or county office, if the declaration of candidacy is for a state or county office, or for any municipal or township office, if the declaration of candidacy is for a municipal or township office.

If the declaration of candidacy declares a candidacy which is to be submitted to electors throughout the entire state, the petition, including a petition for joint candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor, shall be signed by at least one thousand qualified electors who are members of the same political party as the candidate or joint candidates, and the declaration of candidacy and petition shall be filed with the secretary of state; provided that the secretary of state shall not accept or file any such petition appearing on its face to contain signatures of more than three thousand electors.

Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, if the declaration of candidacy is of one that is to be



submitted only to electors within a district, political subdivision, or portion thereof, the petition shall be signed by not less than fifty qualified electors who are members of the same political party as the political party of which the candidate is a member. If the declaration of candidacy is for party nomination as a candidate for member of the legislative authority of a municipal corporation elected by ward, the petition shall be signed by not less than twenty-five qualified electors who are members of the political party of which the candidate is a member.

No such petition, except the petition for a candidacy that is to be submitted to electors throughout the entire state, shall be accepted for filing if it appears to contain on its face signatures of more than three times the minimum number of signatures. When a petition of a candidate has been accepted for filing by a board of elections, the petition shall not be deemed invalid if, upon verification of signatures contained in the petition, the board of elections finds the number of signatures accepted exceeds three times the minimum number of signatures required. A board of elections may discontinue verifying signatures on petitions when the number of verified signatures equals the minimum required number of qualified signatures.

If the declaration of candidacy declares a candidacy for party nomination or for election as a candidate of a minor party, the minimum number of signatures on such petition is one-half the minimum number provided in this section, except that, when the candidacy is one for election as a member of the state central committee or the county central committee of a political party, the minimum number shall be the same for a minor party as for a major party.

If a declaration of candidacy is one for election as a member of the state central committee or the county central committee of a political party, the petition shall be signed by five qualified electors of the district, county, ward, township, or precinct within which electors may vote for such candidate. The electors signing such petition shall be members of the same political party as the political party of which the candidate is a member.

For purposes of signing or circulating a petition of candidacy for party nomination or election, an elector is considered to be a member of a political party if the elector voted in that party's primary election within the preceding two calendar years, or if the elector did not vote in any other party's primary election within the preceding two calendar years.



If the declaration of candidacy is of one that is to be submitted only to electors within a county, or within a district or subdivision or part thereof smaller than a county, the petition shall be filed with the board of elections of the county. If the declaration of candidacy is of one that is to be submitted only to electors of a district or subdivision or part thereof that is situated in more than one county, the petition shall be filed with the board of elections of the county within which the major portion of the population thereof, as ascertained by the next preceding federal census, is located.

A petition shall consist of separate petition papers, each of which shall contain signatures of electors of only one county. Petitions or separate petition papers containing signatures of electors of more than one county shall not thereby be declared invalid. In case petitions or separate petition papers containing signatures of electors of more than one county are filed, the board shall determine the county from which the majority of signatures came, and only signatures from such county shall be counted. Signatures from any other county shall be invalid.

Each separate petition paper shall be circulated by one person only, who shall be the candidate or a joint candidate or a member of the same political party as the candidate or joint candidates, and each separate petition paper shall be governed by the rules set forth in section 3501.38 of the Revised Code.

The secretary of state shall promptly transmit to each board such separate petition papers of each petition accompanying a declaration of candidacy filed with the secretary of state as purport to contain signatures of electors of the county of such board. The board of the most populous county of a district shall promptly transmit to each board within such district such separate petition papers of each petition accompanying a declaration of candidacy filed with it as purport to contain signatures of electors of the county of each such board. The board of a county within which the major portion of the population of a subdivision, situated in more than one county, is located, shall promptly transmit to the board of each other county within which a portion of such subdivision is located such separate petition papers of each petition accompanying a declaration of candidacy filed with it as purport to contain signatures of electors of the portion of such subdivision in the county of each such board.

All petition papers so transmitted to a board and all petitions accompanying declarations of candidacy filed with a board shall, under proper regulations, be open to public inspection until four



p.m. of the eightieth day before the day of the next primary election. Each board shall, not later than the seventy-eighth day before the day of that primary election, examine and determine the validity or invalidity of the signatures on the petition papers so transmitted to or filed with it and shall return to the secretary of state all petition papers transmitted to it by the secretary of state, together with its certification of its determination as to the validity or invalidity of signatures thereon, and shall return to each other board all petition papers transmitted to it by such board, together with its certification of its determination as to the validity or invalidity of the signatures thereon. All other matters affecting the validity or invalidity of such petition papers shall be determined by the secretary of state or the board with whom such petition papers were filed.

Protests against the candidacy of any person filing a declaration of candidacy for party nomination or for election to an office or position, as provided in this section, may be filed by any qualified elector who is a member of the same political party as the candidate and who is eligible to vote at the primary election for the candidate whose declaration of candidacy the elector objects to, or by the controlling committee of that political party. The protest shall be in writing, and shall be filed not later than four p.m. of the seventy-fourth day before the day of the primary election. The protest shall be filed with the election officials with whom the declaration of candidacy and petition was filed. Upon the filing of the protest, the election officials with whom it is filed shall promptly fix the time for hearing it, and shall forthwith mail notice of the filing of the protest and the time fixed for hearing to the person whose candidacy is so protested. They shall also forthwith mail notice of the time fixed for such hearing to the person who filed the protest. At the time fixed, such election officials shall hear the protest and determine the validity or invalidity of the declaration of candidacy and petition. If they find that such candidate is not an elector of the state, district, county, or political subdivision in which the candidate seeks a party nomination or election to an office or position, or has not fully complied with this chapter, the candidate's declaration of candidacy and petition shall be determined to be invalid and shall be rejected; otherwise, it shall be determined to be valid. That determination shall be final.

A protest against the candidacy of any persons filing a declaration of candidacy for joint party nomination to the offices of governor and lieutenant governor shall be filed, heard, and determined in the same manner as a protest against the candidacy of any person filing a declaration of candidacy singly.



The secretary of state shall, on the seventieth day before the day of a primary election, certify to each board in the state the forms of the official ballots to be used at the primary election, together with the names of the candidates to be printed on the ballots whose nomination or election is to be determined by electors throughout the entire state and who filed valid declarations of candidacy and petitions.

The board of the most populous county in a district comprised of more than one county but less than all of the counties of the state shall, on the seventieth day before the day of a primary election, certify to the board of each county in the district the names of the candidates to be printed on the official ballots to be used at the primary election, whose nomination or election is to be determined only by electors within the district and who filed valid declarations of candidacy and petitions.

The board of a county within which the major portion of the population of a subdivision smaller than the county and situated in more than one county is located shall, on the seventieth day before the day of a primary election, certify to the board of each county in which a portion of that subdivision is located the names of the candidates to be printed on the official ballots to be used at the primary election, whose nomination or election is to be determined only by electors within that subdivision and who filed valid declarations of candidacy and petitions.

Certification of Remaining Candidates



Certification of Remaining Candidates for the May 3, 2022 Primary Election

| Office | District | Name | Last Name | Party |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|-------------|------------|
| Representative to Congress | Congressional District 07 | Matthew | Diemer | Democratic |
| Representative to Congress | Congressional District 07 | Patrick A. | Malley | Democratic |
| Representative to Congress | Congressional District 07 | Tristan | Rader | Democratic |
| Representative to Congress | Congressional District 07 | Anthony Leon | Alexander | Republican |
| Representative to Congress | Congressional District 07 | Charlie | Gaddis | Republican |
| Representative to Congress | Congressional District 07 | Bob | Gibbs | Republican |
| Representative to Congress | Congressional District 07 | Max | Miller | Republican |
| Representative to Congress | Congressional District 07 | Jonah | Schulz | Republican |
| Representative to Congress | Congressional District 11 | Shontel | Brown | Democratic |
| Representative to Congress | Congressional District 11 | Nina | Turner | Democratic |
| Representative to Congress | Congressional District 11 | Eric J. | Brewer | Republican |
| State Senator | Senate District 21 | John E. | Barnes Jr | Democratic |
| State Senator | Senate District 21 | Willie Lewis | Britt | Democratic |
| State Senator | Senate District 21 | Kent | Smith | Democratic |
| State Senator | Senate District 21 | Mikhail | Alterman | Republican |
| State Senator | Senate District 23 | Nickie J. | Antonio | Democratic |
| State Senator | Senate District 23 | Jeff | Johnson | Democratic |
| State Senator | Senate District 23 | Landry M. | Simmons Jr | Republican |
| State Representative | House District 13 | Michael J. | Skindell | Democratic |
| State Representative | House District 13 | Keith A. | Davey | Republican |
| State Representative | House District 14 | Sean P. | Brennan | Democratic |
| State Representative | House District 14 | Jolene B. | Austin | Republican |
| State Representative | House District 14 | David J. | Morgan | Republican |
| State Representative | House District 15 | Richard | Dell'Aquila | Democratic |

| Office | District | Name | Last Name | Party |
|--|--------------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| State Representative | House District 16 | Monique | Smith | Democratic |
| State Representative | House District 16 | Bride Rose | Sweeney | Democratic |
| State Representative | House District 16 | Michael | Lamb | Republican |
| State Representative | House District 17 | Troy J. | Greenfield | Democratic |
| State Representative | House District 17 | Ryan | McClain | Republican |
| State Representative | House District 17 | Thomas F. | Patton | Republican |
| State Representative | House District 18 | Darnell T. | Brewer | Democratic |
| State Representative **Write-in | House District 18 | Vincent | Rosemond | Democratic |
| State Representative | House District 18 | Sandra | Williams | Democratic |
| State Representative **Write-in | House District 18 | Shalira | Taylor | Republican |
| State Representative | House District 19 | Phil | Robinson | Democratic |
| State Representative | House District 19 | Matthew J. | Schoeffler | Democratic |
| State Representative | House District 19 | Ron | Brough | Republican |
| State Representative | House District 19 | David | Horvath | Republican |
| State Representative | House District 20 | Michael | Seals | Democratic |
| State Representative | House District 20 | Terrence | Upchurch | Democratic |
| State Representative | House District 21 | Michael | Ettorre | Democratic |
| State Representative | House District 21 | Elliot | Forhan | Democratic |
| State Representative | House District 21 | Jonathan | Holody | Democratic |
| State Representative | House District 21 | Kelly | Powell | Republican |
| State Representative | House District 22 | Juanita O. | Brent | Democratic |
| State Representative | House District 22 | Danielle J. | Dronet | Democratic |
| State Representative | House District 22 | Vincent E. | Stokes II | Democratic |
| State Central Committee DEM (Man) | Senate District 21 | Armond D. | Budish | Democratic |
| State Central Committee DEM (Man) | Senate District 21 | Roosevelt | Coats | Democratic |
| State Central Committee DEM (Man) | Senate District 21 | Blaine A. | Griffin | Democratic |
| State Central Committee DEM (Man) | Senate District 21 | Kent | Smith | Democratic |
| State Central Committee DEM (Man) | Senate District 21 | Andre P. | White | Democratic |
| State Central Committee DEM (Man) | Senate District 23 | Sean P. | Brennan | Democratic |
| State Central Committee DEM (Man) | Senate District 23 | Willie Lewis | Britt | Democratic |
| State Central Committee DEM (Man) | Senate District 23 | Jeff | Johnson | Democratic |
| State Central Committee DEM (Man) | Senate District 23 | Michael | Seals | Democratic |
| State Central Committee DEM (Man) | Senate District 23 | Martin J. | Sweeney | Democratic |

| Office | | District | Name | Last Name | Party |
|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------|------------|
| State Central Committee | DEM (Man) | Senate District 24 | Riley Armstrong | Alton | Democratic |
| State Central Committee | DEM (Man) | Senate District 24 | Dean | DePiero | Democratic |
| State Central Committee | DEM (Man) | Senate District 24 | Chris | Glassburn | Democratic |
| State Central Committee | DEM (Man) | Senate District 24 | Dale | Miller | Democratic |
| State Central Committee | DEM (Man) | Senate District 24 | Matt | Patten | Democratic |
| State Central Committee | DEM (Woman) | Senate District 21 | Juanita | Gowdy | Democratic |
| State Central Committee | DEM (Woman) | Senate District 21 | Renee A. | Lindsley | Democratic |
| State Central Committee | DEM (Woman) | Senate District 21 | Helen M. | Sheehan | Democratic |
| State Central Committee | DEM (Woman) | Senate District 21 | Sandra | Williams | Democratic |
| State Central Committee | DEM (Woman) | Senate District 23 | Colleen Corrigan | Day | Democratic |
| State Central Committee | DEM (Woman) | Senate District 23 | Diane | Morgan | Democratic |
| State Central Committee | DEM (Woman) | Senate District 24 | Kelly A. | Kosek | Democratic |
| State Central Committee | DEM (Woman) | Senate District 24 | Megan | Murphy | Democratic |
| State Central Committee | REP (Man) | Senate District 21 | Joe | Miller | Republican |
| State Central Committee | REP (Man) | Senate District 23 | Brian | Andrews | Republican |
| State Central Committee | REP (Man) | Senate District 23 | Michael | Flickinger | Republican |
| State Central Committee | REP (Man) | Senate District 23 | Robert | Frost | Republican |
| State Central Committee | REP (Man) | Senate District 23 | Jonah | Pelton | Republican |
| State Central Committee | REP (Man) | Senate District 24 | Zacch | Ashcraft | Republican |
| State Central Committee | REP (Man) | Senate District 24 | Shannon | Burns | Republican |
| State Central Committee | REP (Man) | Senate District 24 | Daniel R. | Langshaw | Republican |
| State Central Committee | REP (Man) | Senate District 24 | Greg | Margevicius | Republican |
| State Central Committee | REP (Man) | Senate District 24 | David A. | Morris | Republican |
| State Central Committee | REP (Woman) | Senate District 21 | Laverne | Jones Gore | Republican |
| State Central Committee | REP (Woman) | Senate District 21 | Lucy M. | Stickan | Republican |
| State Central Committee | REP (Woman) | Senate District 23 | Doris | Peters | Republican |
| State Central Committee | REP (Woman) | Senate District 23 | Donna | Walker-Brown | Republican |
| State Central Committee | REP (Woman) | Senate District 24 | Melanie | Mason | Republican |

Agenda Item #3

Candidate Withdrawal Acknowledgments

May 3, 2022 Primary Election

| <u>Office</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Party</u> |
|--|--------------------|---------------------|
| Ohio State Representative District 19 | Thomas A. Jackson | Democrat |
| State Central Committee, Man District 24 | Austin Keller | Republican |

**Write-in line remains on ballot, votes cast are not counted nor posted,
notices posted in voting booths and included in VBM packets.**

| <u>Office</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Party</u> |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| County Central Committee, Cleveland-07-F | Cynthia E. Lindsey write-in | Democratic |

VOTE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Date: March 11, 2022

I, TOM JACKSON, withdraw my candidacy for

(check one):

☒ May 3, 2022 Primary Election

☐ November 8, 2022 General Election

☐ Other: _____

Party (if applicable):

Democratic Dist 19

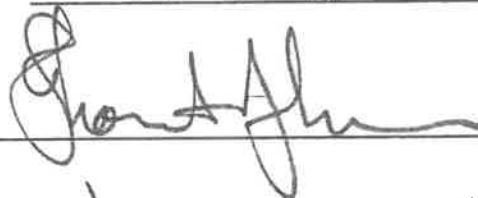
Office:

State Rep

Term date (if applicable):

Jan 2023

Signature:



Printed Name:

Thomas A. Jackson

Street Address:

6282 Morning Glory Cir

City / Zip Code:

Solon 44139

Phone:

216-410-6483

Email:

tom.jackson.brother@gmail.com

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Withdrawal of Candidacy for Republican State Central Committee

Austin Keller <austinkeller809@gmail.com>

Thu 3/10/2022 4:29 PM

To: Mary L. Bejjani <mbejjani@cuyahogacounty.gov>; Brent Lawler <blawler@cuyahogacounty.gov>

Good afternoon,

My name is Austin Keller from North Royalton. I filed my petition in Summit County to run for Republican State Central Committee for District 27 (now I am supposedly in 24), However redistricting has everything so messed up that I simply would like to request to withdraw my name from the ballot for Republican State Central Committee. Does an email like this suffice or would there be additional forms to complete to withdraw. I thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Best regards,
Austin Keller
(440) 346-6492

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CUYAHOGA COUNTY
BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Date: 03-07-2022

I, Cynthia E. Lindsey, withdraw my candidacy from
the May 3, 2022 Primary Election for the Cuyahoga County Democratic Central Committee
person from:

Municipality Cleveland

Ward (if applicable) WARD 7

Precinct F

As a write-in candidate.

Signature: Cynthia E. Lindsey

Printed Name: CYNTHIA E. LINDSEY

Street Address: 1504 STAR AVE 2ND - FLE

City / Zip Code: Cleveland - 44103

Phone: (216) 323-7621

Email: _____

**Candidate WITHDREW
After Deadline**

3/7/22

**Name Remains on Ballot
Notice Posted**

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